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QUESTION NO.504 SECURITY OF INDIANS LIVING IN USA

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.504
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2017

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504. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that for Government the strategic partnership with United States of America (USA) is secondary to the welfare and security to the US based people of Indian origin;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government is continuously in talks with USA and the country's missions are in contact with local Indian communities there; and
- (c) whether Government had asked USA Government to investigate the racial angle in the recent killing of Indians there?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Government of India attaches highest priority to safety and security of Indian Diaspora abroad, including in the USA. Strong people-to-people links are an important component of India-US strategic partnership.

(b) & (c) Government of India remains continuously engaged with the US authorities on all matters concerning the wellbeing of Indian Diaspora including in the US. The US authorities have responded promptly and positively to incidents involving members of the Indian Diaspora in the US. They have assured us that they are working with all concerned agencies to ensure speedy justice. Where applicable, the incidents have been investigated as possible hate-crimes. Our Embassy

and Consulates in the US are also in constant touch with local Indian community groups to address

any emergent issue relating to the Diaspora. They conduct regular community outreach programmes and extend all possible support in any situation impacting the Diaspora. The Government remains vigilant to developments impacting the lives of Indians abroad and will do everything possible to safeguard their interests and welfare.



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