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QUESTION NO.1209 KILLING OF HINDU PRIESTS IN BANGLADESH

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2016

KILLING OF HINDU PRIESTS IN BANGLADESH

1209. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindu priests are being killed in Bangladesh very often;
- (b) if so, the number of Hindu priests killed in Bangladesh in the last two years;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken up the issue with the Bangladesh authorities; and
- (d) if so, whether any assurance has been received from them that no Indian would be harmed in future?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (d) There have been sporadic incidents of attacks against minority communities including Hindu priests in Bangladesh. About half a dozen cases of attacks on the Hindu priests have been reported in the last two years in Bangladesh.

This issue has been taken up with the Bangladeshi authorities on various occasions, including the highest political levels. During our bilateral interaction, the Bangladeshi authorities have assured us that they take these attacks very seriously and are fully committed to bringing the perpetrators to justice.

The primary responsibility for protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including the

minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh. The Government of Bangladesh has assured us that they are committed to ensure safety and security of minority communities including Hindus. The Government has publicly reiterated its firm commitment to root out terrorism and militancy from Bangladesh and has taken various steps to counter the ideologies of radicalism and extremism in Bangladesh.



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