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QUESTION NO.969 SETTING HOUSES OF HINDUS ON FIRE IN BANGLADESH

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.969
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.11.2016

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†969. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
CH.SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that incidents of setting houses of Hindus on fire and vandalising the temples at Brahmanbaria district in Bangladesh have come before the Ministry, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of attacks on Hindus and places of worship of Hindus in Bangladesh during the last three years and whether matter of curbing such incidents and action against vandals has been raised with Bangladesh and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b) Sporadic incidents of violence against members of the minority community including on their properties and places of worship, have been reported in Bangladesh. These include recent attacks in Brahmanbaria District in which several houses and a few Hindu temples were vandalized.

The primary responsibility for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh. India's concerns and sensitivities with regard to such incidents have been conveyed to the Bangladesh Government, including at the highest political

levels. Government of Bangladesh has made it clear that it takes these attacks very seriously and that stern action would be taken against their perpetrators.



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