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QUESTION NO.987 STATUS OF HINDUS IN BANGLADESH

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017

STATUS OF HINDUS IN BANGLADESH

987. SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindus in Bangladesh are allegedly undergoing harassment;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the response of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has initiated any talks with Bangladesh Government for safety and security of minority Hindus there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d) Sporadic incidents of violence against members of the minority community and on their properties and places of worship, have been reported in Bangladesh. Government of India closely monitors incidents targeting the religious, socio-economic and political freedoms and general well being of minorities, including Hindus, in Bangladesh. India's concerns and sensitivities with regard to such incidents have been conveyed to the Bangladesh Government.

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

including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh. 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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