

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
BOMB ATTACK ON INDIAN MISSION IN KABUL .

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Smt. Mohsina Kidwai

Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government has specific information that Taliban terrorists executed a suicide car bomb attack on the Indian embassy in Kabul on 8th October, 2009 killing several persons;
- (b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;
- (c) whether about 15 months ago, a similar car bomb attack was executed at the Indian embassy in Afghanistan;
- (d) if so, whether Government of Afghanistan is not providing adequate safety and security to Indian embassy in Afghanistan; and
- (e) if so, the strategies to be adopted to provide fool-proof security to Indian missions in Afghanistan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) Government has no specific information that the suicide car bomb attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul on 8th October, 2009 was carried out by Taliban. However a Taliban website claimed responsibility for the attack. The attack resulted in 18 casualties and 83 persons were injured. No Indians lost their lives. However, 2 ITBP personnel sustained minor shrapnel injuries.

(c) On July 7, 2008 a suicide bomber detonated his Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) at the main gate of the Embassy of India in Kabul in which 59 persons were killed including four Indian officials and a local driver. More than 150 persons, including 5 ITBP personnel were seriously injured in the incident.

(d) The Afghan Government has put in place appropriate safety and security measures for the protection of the Indian Embassy and its personnel.

(e) All necessary precautions are being taken to provide the best possible security to the Indian Mission and its four Consulates in Afghanistan, in cooperation with the Afghan National Security Forces.