

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
ATTACK ON PRIESTS IN NEPAL .

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of attacks on priests in Nepal's Pashupatinath Temple;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian priests in the Pashupatinath Temple had urged the Indian Government to provide them security even before the incident;
- (c) if so, whether Government has not been properly protecting the lives and properties of Indians living in the neighbouring countries; and
- (d) if so, the facts thereof and further steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) The safety, security and welfare of Indian citizens abroad are an abiding and central concern of the Government of India. The attack on the Indian priests was immediately taken up at the highest levels in the Government of Nepal and Government's deep anguish and serious concern conveyed. A team from the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, visited the Pashupatinath Temple to reassure the Indian priests. The security at the Pashupatinath Temple has been strengthened.