

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

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

- (a) whether the recent blast at the Indian Mission in Kabul has any evidence of Pakistan's hand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of ITBP personnel and others who have died in the blast;
- (d) whether the explosion is more powerful than that took place in July, 2008; and
- (e) if so, whether Government is planning to strengthen the security corridor in and around the Indian Mission?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) Investigations are ongoing into the bomb attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul on October 8, 2009, in cooperation with the Afghan Government. We have been told by the Afghan Government that the attack was carried out by elements from outside Afghanistan.

(c) No Indians lost their lives in the attack, but eighteen others were killed. Two ITBP personnel sustained minor shrapnel injuries.

(d) The recent explosion is believed to have been more powerful than the one that occurred in July 2008. However the security measures taken to protect the Indian Embassy after that attack helped to minimize casualties and damage to the Embassy.

(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.