

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2101**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.2016

**EXPLOSION IN GURUDWARA OF GERMANY**

2101.           SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
                  DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of explosions occurred in a Gurudwara in German city Essen recently;
- (b) the number of casualties and the result of investigation to find out the probable cause of explosion;
- (c) whether any suspects were arrested and taken into custody; and
- (d) the relief and compensation provided by Indian Embassy to the victims of Indian nationals with details?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) There was an explosion outside the main building of the Gurudwara Nanaksar in Essen, Germany on 16.04.2016 at 1900 hours. Glass panels of the door/windows and the tiles on one of the walls of the Gurudwara were damaged in the explosion.

(b) & (c) Three persons were injured in the incident out of which two were treated for minor injuries and discharged immediately and the third, Head Granthi Shri Kuldeep Singh, was admitted to the hospital for treatment of a leg injury. Shri Kuldeep Singh is stable and out of danger. According to media reports, three young men were arrested, all of whom hold German Passports. Investigations into the incident are ongoing.

(d) The Consul General of India in Frankfurt and other Mission officials have visited the blast site in Essen several times and also met the injured Granthi Shri Kuldeep Singh in hospital. The cost of treatment of the Granthi is being borne by the local Government of the State of north Rhine Westphalia, Germany. The Embassy of India in Berlin and the Indian Consulate in Frankfurt have also taken up the matter at high level with the Government of Germany including the Lord Mayor of Essen and local Police of Essen. They are also in touch with the local Indian community.

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