

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 394**  
ANSWERED ON- 28/11/2024

**INDIA'S RELATION WITH CANADA**

394. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's relation with Canada has deteriorated in the past;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the same;
- (c) whether this standoff or tension in relations will affect Indians who are currently living, working and studying in Canada; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to improve the relation with Canada and also to ensure safety of Indians living in Canada?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) India has had, and continues to have a challenging relationship with Canada primarily because of the political space provided by the Canadian government to extremist and secessionist elements who advocate an anti-India agenda, and have been misusing Canadian freedoms for carrying out violent activities that threaten India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Respect for each other's concerns, territorial integrity and sovereignty are the pre-requisites for any stable bilateral relationship. In this regard, Government of India has repeatedly urged the Canadian Government to take prompt and effective action against all anti-India elements operating from its soil. This includes preventing secessionist and extremist elements from glorifying the assassination of our leaders; issuing threats to our current political leadership and diplomats; disrespecting and vandalizing places of worship; and espousing for the balkanization of India by holding so-called "referendums".

The welfare, safety and security of Indian nationals who are living, working and studying in Canada remains of utmost importance to the Government of India. Issues faced by Indian nationals in Canada are brought to the attention of Canadian authorities whenever they arise, for swift redressal.

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