

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 408
ANSWERED ON – 28/11/2024

**INCIDENTS OF DESECRATION AND DAMAGES TO HINDU TEMPLES
IN BANGLADESH**

408. SHRI A. D. SINGH

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

- (a) whether there is an increase in the incidents of desecration and damages to Hindu temples and deities in Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken up the issue with the Bangladesh Government; and
- (c) if so, the response of the Bangladesh Government and the efforts made by them to stop such incidents?

ANSWER

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

(a to c). Several incidents of desecration and damages to Hindu temples and deities in Bangladesh have been reported in the past few months. The Government of India has expressed its concerns about such incidents, including the attack on a Puja mandap in Tantibazar, Dhaka and the theft at the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple at Satkhira during Durga Puja 2024. The Government has also called upon the Government of Bangladesh to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and all minorities and their places of worship.

The primary responsibility for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh.
