

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2878
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2017**

ATTACK ON MINORITIES

†2878. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is immense increase in the incidents of attack on minority Hindus living in neighbouring countries;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has registered its protest with such countries in this regard; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government is aware of reports of attacks on members of minority communities in Bangladesh and Pakistan, including some incidents of forced conversion in Pakistan. As per the information, in Bangladesh, several houses and a few Hindu temples were also vandalized recently.

It is the responsibility of the Government of Bangladesh and the Government of Pakistan to discharge their obligations towards their respective citizens, including protection of their places of worship. Government, from time to time, takes up the matter at a bilateral level, both with the Government of Bangladesh and with the Government of Pakistan. The Government of Bangladesh has made it clear that it takes these attacks very seriously and is committed to take stern action against perpetrators.
