

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018

ATTACK ON MINORITIES

†2676. **PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been substantial increase in the incidents of attacks on minority Hindus living in neighbouring countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to express its resentment in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (c) Reports of attacks on members of minority communities in Bangladesh and Pakistan, including some incidents of forced conversion in Pakistan have come to the attention of the Government. Information has been received from Bangladesh that some houses and a few temples of the Hindu community were also vandalized.

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 of India 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.
