

PRIORITY-XX

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.380
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018

TEMPLE IN ABU DHABI

*380. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:
DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to build a Temple in Abu Dhabi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Prime Minister has laid the foundation stone for the same during his recent visit to Abu Dhabi; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof including its cost along with its source of funding and the time frame for the completion of the said temple?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 380 REGARDING “TEMPLE IN ABU DHABI” FOR ANSWER ON 21.03.2018

(a) No, Madam.

(b) At an Indian Community function held in Dubai on 11.2.2018, Prime Minister witnessed the ground-breaking ceremony of a temple being constructed in Abu Dhabi through live feed and unveiled a replica of temple complex.

(c) At the request of the Indian Community in the United Arab Emirates, the host Government has allotted a plot of land near Abu Dhabi for construction of a temple. The decisions on design, cost estimates and time-frame of construction of the building are being taken by the Indian Community, which is financing the project.
