

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1408**  
ANSWERED ON- 28/07/2023

**ATTACKS ON HINDU TEMPLES**

1408. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU  
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether repeated incidents of vandalism of Hindu temples have been reported from various countries like Australia and Canada recently;
- (b) if so, the details of all such acts of vandalism and desecration of Hindu religious places in different countries of the world during the last five years, year and country-wise;
- (c) the details of the individuals/groups involved in such acts of vandalism and desecration, country-wise and incident-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has taken up the matter of desecration of Indian religious places with the concerned authorities in various countries and if so, the details thereof and the response of these countries thereon; and
- (e) the details of the other measures being taken by the Government to minimize the occurrence of such incidents in future?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to e) Incidences of attack and desecration of temples and places of worship abroad were immediately taken up through diplomatic channels with the concerned authorities of the host country for proper investigation, corrective action as well as for providing safety & security. The host government and its authorities are also called upon to undertake appropriate action as per their national laws and international obligations. These issues have also been taken up at political level. Ministry through Missions/Posts abroad remains in constant engagement with host Government as well as Indian community on such matters.

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