

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2124**  
ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2023

**PROTESTS IN LONG ISLAND**

2124. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI

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

- (a) whether a group of protestors tried to heckle India's Ambassador to the United States of America at a gurdwara in Long Island in New York on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government took up the issue with the Government of US; and
- (d) if so the response received from the U.S. authorities thereon?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to d) As part of regular and ongoing outreach to various sections of the Indian Diaspora, Ambassador of India to USA visited Sri Guru Ravidass temple in New York on 25 November 2023 and Guru Nanak Darbar of Long Island in New York on 26 November 2023. Ambassador was received with courtesy by the leadership at both Gurudwaras and addressed the gathering, including members of the Indian community.

At Guru Nanak Darbar, on conclusion of the event, a few persons shouted slogans. They were asked to leave the premises by the Gurudwara leaders. Overall, the Ambassador's visit to both Gurudwaras was positively received by the community.

The Government of India has taken up the matter with the US authorities, who have responded that our security concerns are being taken into consideration.

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