

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1397
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019

RACIAL ATTACKS ON INDIANS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the racial attacks on Indians abroad;
- (b) if so, the details of the racial attacks on Indians during the last three years along with the names of the countries; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the security of Indians abroad?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) There have been few reported incidents of racial attacks on Indians abroad. Details of such attacks on Indians abroad during the last three years and the current year are given below -

- A 13-year old Sikh boy was assaulted, mocked and threatened on 03 March 2016 in Melbourne, Australia.
- In 2017, a cab driver in New York city, USA was attacked, his turban was forcefully removed and racial remarks were passed.
- In 2018, one Sikh person was assaulted in London, United Kingdom.
- Three incidents have been reported in Warsaw, Poland in which three students in 2017, one Indian each in 2018 & 2019 have reported that they were attacked in alleged racial attacks.

(c) The safety and security of Indians abroad is one of the foremost priorities for the Government of India. Our Missions and Posts remain vigilant and closely monitor any such untoward incident. Such incidents are immediately taken up with the concerned authorities of the host country suitably to ensure that the cases are properly investigated and the perpetrators are punished. These issues are also raised during meetings with Government officials of the countries concerned, including at the highest levels as appropriate. Indian community leaders and legislators of Indian origin, if any, in these countries are also impressed upon to take up such cases for further investigation.
