

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5033  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021**

**PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF NON-MUSLIM SHRINES**

**5033. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:**

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government in relation to protection and preservation of non-Muslim shrines in Pakistan as per the terms of the Pant-Mirza Agreement of 1955; and
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps against recent demolition of non-Muslim shrines and places of worship in Pakistan and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a): A bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines was signed in September 1974 by India and Pakistan. Under the Protocol, it is the obligation of the concerned country to make every effort to ensure that the places of worship in the agreed list of shrines under the Protocol are properly maintained and their sanctity preserved.

(b): There have been reports of acts of vandalism of places of religious worship belonging to minority communities in Pakistan. The Government has raised all such cases with the Government of Pakistan, calling upon it to take steps to protect and promote the safety, security and well-being of its minority communities and their places of religious worship. Pakistan has also been asked to take immediate measures to expeditiously bring the perpetrators of such despicable acts to justice.

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