

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3837  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022**

**HATE CRIME AGAINST SIKH COMMUNITY**

**3837. SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:**

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the frequent occurrences of hate motivated crimes against members of the Sikh community in the United States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that as per the data released by the FBI in 2018 Sikhs are the most targeted religious groups in the United States and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has held discussions with officials in the United States regarding these unfortunate incidents; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program's annual Hate Crime Statistics report, released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Department of Justice regarding anti-Sikh hate crime incidents is tabulated below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Hate crimes (motivated by bias based on religion)</b>	<b>Anti-Sikh hate crime incidents</b>
2018	1,419	60
2019	1,521	49
2020	1,244	89

(b) On the basis of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's annual Hate Crime Statistics report released by FBI in 2018, Sikhs were not the most targeted religious groups in USA, though the incidents targeting them are a matter of serious concern.

(c) & (d) The United States of America is home to a vibrant Indian community of 4.2 million, which has been a catalyst in cementing closer ties between the two countries. Instances of hate crime against Indian

nationals that came to the notice of the Government were taken up appropriately with the U.S. authorities.

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