

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1088
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022**

ATTACK ON GURDWARA IN AFGHANISTAN

1088. SHRI MANISH TEWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

- (a) the terrorist group or organisation in Afghanistan responsible for the dastardly attack on a Sikh Gurdwara in Karte Parwan area of Kabul on 18th, June 2022;
- (b) the number of people killed and injured in the said attack;
- (c) whether Pakistan or Pakistan sponsored terrorist organisations are responsible in any way for the attack on the Gurdwara in Kabul;
- (d) the essence of the discussions between the MEA team led by Joint Secretary (PAI) and his Taliban interlocutors in early June 2022;
- (e) whether the said delegation met the authorities/persons including Taliban Interior Minister during the said interaction in Kabul; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f) India, along with the international community, strongly condemned the cowardly terrorist attack on Gurudwara Dashmesh Pita Sahib Sri Gobind Singh Sahib Ji in Kabul on June 18, 2022 which targeted the innocent civilian population. During the attack, two Afghan nationals, including an Afghan Sikh community member, lost their lives and three civilians were injured.

Recently, an Indian team led by Joint Secretary (PAI), MEA visited Kabul (June 02-03, 2022) to oversee the delivery operations of India's humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan. During the visit, the team met the representatives of the International Organizations involved in distribution of the humanitarian assistance. In addition, the team also visited places where Indian programmes/projects are being implemented, namely, Indira Gandhi Hospital, Habibia High School, Chimtala sub-power station and the UN World Food Program (WFP) distribution center.

India's development and humanitarian assistance has received a widespread appreciation across the entire spectrum of Afghan society. In this connection, the team also met with the senior members of the Taliban during the visit.
