

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED Q. NO. 75**

**ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024**

**VIOLENCE AGAINST HINDUS IN BANGLADESH**

**†\*75. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SAGAR**

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

- a) whether a lot of painful incidents of violence against Hindus have taken place during the protest for change in regime in Bangladesh during August, 2024 including the incidents of murder, looting, arson and heinous crimes against women;**
- b) if so, the details thereof;**
- c) whether Hindu temples were attacked and damaged, if so, the details thereof;**
- d) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to check such recurrence and harassment of various minorities including Hindus living in Bangladesh and to ensure adequate security and protection of their religious places from the damages; and**
- e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)**

**(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*75 for reply on 29.11.2024 regarding “Violence against Hindus in Bangladesh.”**

**(a) to (e): Government have seen several reports of incidents of violence against Hindus and other minorities, their homes and business establishments and of attacks on temples/ religious places, including in the month of August 2024, across Bangladesh. Government have taken a serious note of these incidents and shared its concerns with the Government of Bangladesh.**

**Reports of attacks on temples and puja mandaps also came to light during the recent Durga Puja festival in Bangladesh. Government had expressed its serious concerns regarding the attack on a Puja mandap in Tantibazar, Dhaka and theft at the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple at Satkhira during Durga Puja 2024. Following these attacks, the Government of Bangladesh had issued instructions for providing special security including deployment of Army and Border Guards Bangladesh to ensure peaceful celebrations of Durga Puja.**

**The High Commission of India in Dhaka continues to monitor the situation related to the minorities in Bangladesh closely. The primary**

**responsibility for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh.**

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