

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4255
ANSWERED ON- 20/12/2024

DEMOLITION OF JAGANNATH TEMPLES IN BANGLADESH

†4255. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the number of Jagannath Temples is the largest among the temples being demolished in Bangladesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent such demolition of temples in Bangladesh?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) Several incidents of desecration and damage to Hindu temples and deities in Bangladesh have been reported in the past few months. The

Government of India has expressed its concerns about such incidents, including the demolition of Jagannath Temple in Bangladesh, attack on a Puja mandap in Tantibazar, Dhaka and the theft at the Jeshoreshwari Kali temple at Satkhira during Durga Puja 2024.

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