

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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DEFACEMENT OF HINDU TEMPLES IN USA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that prominent Hindu temples have been defaced with anti India graffiti in the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that within a span of 15 days, two such temples were defaced in U. S.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has made any strong objections to these attacks on Hindu temples in U.S.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the response received by the Government from the U.S. administration in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to f) Yes. In recent years, there have been several instances of Hindu temples being defaced with anti-India graffiti in the United States of America.

All incidents of attack and desecration of temples and places of worship in the U.S. are immediately taken up with the U.S. Government through diplomatic channels. The respective temple management authorities and the community associations have also registered complaints with the local law enforcement authorities and have called for proper investigations, and stringent action against those responsible for these acts, and for providing the places of worship with adequate safety and security arrangements.

The law enforcement authorities have conveyed that such cases are being investigated as hate crimes. Members of the U.S. Congress have also urged the concerned agencies to come up with a broader strategy to counter hate crimes targeting Hindus in the United States.
