

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 694**

**ANSWERED ON – 07/02/2025**

**HARASSMENT OF HINDUS IN BANGLADESH**

**694. SHRI ANIL YESHWANT DESAI**

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

- (a) the details of cases of harassment caused to Hindus in Bangladesh reported during the last two months;**
- (b) the number of Hindu people who have been injured/dead along with the number of attacks on Hindu temples in Bangladesh;**
- (c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to protect Hindus and also enhance diplomatic, military or trade and commerce with Bangladesh;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government of Bangladesh in this regard;**
- (e) whether any sense of security has now prevailed among Hindus in Bangladesh as a result of the efforts by the Government of India; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a) During the last two months (November 26, 2024 till January 25, 2025), 76 cases of incidents of attacks against Hindus have been reported in Bangladesh.**

**(b) Since August reports have cited deaths of 23 Hindus and 152 incidents of attack on Hindu temples in Bangladesh.**

**(c to f) Government of India has taken note of the incidents of violence against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh and shared its concerns with the Government of Bangladesh. India's expectations regarding the protection of Hindus and other minorities were reiterated during the visit of the Foreign Secretary to Bangladesh on December 09, 2024. On December 10, 2024, Government of Bangladesh announced in a press briefing that 70 people had been arrested in 88 cases related to attacks against minorities in Bangladesh; police investigations subsequently verified 1254 incidents. The primary responsibility for the protection of life and liberty of all citizens of Bangladesh, including minorities, rests with the Government of Bangladesh. The High Commission of India in Dhaka continues to monitor the situation related to minorities closely.**

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