

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH

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

- (a) whether the bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh are currently going through a sensitive phase, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether Pakistan is attempting to take advantage of this situation, which could be detrimental to the country, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has held any discussions with the interim Government of Bangladesh regarding the reported public killings of minority citizens, particularly Hindus, in that country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) India and Bangladesh, as neighbouring countries, share deep historical, geographical, cultural, linguistic and social linkages. Our bilateral relations are focused towards people-centric development. Several exchanges and meetings under institutional bilateral mechanisms have continued to take place between both the countries. India's support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh has been conveyed to the interim Government in all relevant engagements.

India's relationship with Bangladesh is independent of its relationship with third countries. The Government continues to monitor developments having a bearing on India's national interests and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them.

India has consistently raised the matter of safety and security of minorities with the authorities in Bangladesh on all relevant occasions, including at the highest level. The issue was raised by the Prime Minister during his meeting with Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus on 04 April 2025

and by the External Affairs Minister during his meeting with Foreign Advisor Touhid Hossain on 16 February 2025.

The Government continues to monitor reports concerning the safety of minorities in Bangladesh. It is the primary responsibility of the Government of Bangladesh to safeguard the life, liberty and welfare of all citizens of Bangladesh, including religious and ethnic minorities.
