

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3670
ANSWERED ON 13/03/2026

RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the relations between India and Bangladesh are passing through a very critical phase, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether Pakistan wants to take advantage of this situation which can be detrimental to the country, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government held any talks with the interim Government of Bangladesh regarding the mass killings of minorities there, particularly Hindus, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

(a & b) India and Bangladesh, as neighbouring countries, share deep historical, geographical, cultural, linguistic and social linkages. India has always conveyed its support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh and remains in favour of continued high-level exchanges and meetings under bilateral institutional mechanisms. The engagements are aimed at people-centric developmental outcomes, which have been a consistent aspect of our bilateral ties.

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 take all necessary measures to safeguard them.

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

meeting with the former Foreign Advisor Touhid Hossain on 16 February 2025. The newly-elected government assumed charge on 17 February 2026. Subsequently, the matter has also been taken up with the new government at appropriate levels. 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.
