

Regarding reported attack of temples in USA

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Madam, I want to raise a very alarming issue regarding the attacks on temples in the United States of America. In early 2025, the Swaminarayan Hindu temple in Chino Hills, California, was defaced with anti-India graffiti, prompting widespread condemnation.

The Indian Government labelled the incident as despicable and called for stringent action against the perpetrators. Notably, this attack occurred less than ten days after a similar incident at the Swaminarayan temple in Melville, New York, where hate messages were spray-painted on the temple premises.

Given the recurrence of these incidents, it is imperative for the Government of India to engage through diplomatic channels with the United States authorities to ensure the safety and security of Hindu religious sites. Strengthening protective measures will help prevent future occurrences and uphold the principles of religious freedom and tolerance.

This incident is part of a broader pattern of attacks on Hindu temples in the United States, raising alarm about the safety of religious minorities abroad.

The Indian Government's call for adequate security measures underscores the importance of protecting places of worship and ensuring the safety of all religious communities. I urge the Government to inform the House about what actions the U.S. Government has taken regarding such incidents.