

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASING RACIAL CRIMES IN US
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether racial crimes against Indians are on the rise in the US;
- (b) if so, the number of cases that has come to the notice of the Government;
- (c) the reasons for such kind of treatment towards Indians; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to take up the matter with the concerned authorities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) & (b) A number of racial crimes and cases of harassment against the Indian American community in the USA have been reported, including three cases of homicide, in the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001.
- (c) These incidents were not the result of hostility towards Indians as such but of mistaken identity.
- (d) The Government have taken up the matter with the US leadership and the concerned authorities to prevent recurrence of such attacks. The US Government has been responsive to our concerns and has done everything possible to bring the guilty to book.