

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1078
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2003
GRAHAM STAINES MURDER CASE
A.K. PREMAJAM;SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a team consisting of Central Ministers visited Manoharpur a couple of days after the murder of Graham Staines and his two children;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the team during the visit publicly claimed to have found evidence of an `International conspiracy` behind the murders;
- (c) if so, whether the said evidences had been submitted to the competent authorities for examination; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details from which the team drew its conclusion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (d): Dr. Murlı Manohar Joshi, Minister, Human Resource Development, Shri George Fernades, Defence Minister and Shr Naveen Patnaik, the then Minister for Steel and Mines visited Manoharpur village (Distt. Keonjhar) on 27th January, 1999 soon after the murder of Graham Staines and his two children. No evidence of an international conspiracy behind the murder has come to light.