

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:105

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ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF INDIAN CRIMINALS IN BANGLADESH BOMB BLASTS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Bangladesh Government has blamed that criminals from India are allegedly involved in the serial bomb blasts in that country recently; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

a & b) The Government is aware of reports that Director General of Bangladesh Rifles, in a media interaction (Sept. 30) alleged involvement of criminal elements from India in the August 17 bomb blasts in Bangladesh. In response the Government of India issued an official press release in New Delhi expressing deep shock and dismay and describing the allegations as baseless and scurrilous. A press release was also issued by the High Commission of India in Dhaka on October 3, 2005 in this regard. The issue was also raised at the Home Secretary level talks held at New Delhi in from October 27-28 2005 where the Bangladesh Govt. clarified that media reports about India's involvement do not reflect the official position of the Government of Bangladesh.