

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:104
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PROTECTION OF INDIANS IN FRANCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether violence, riots and racial unrest which erupted in France and adjoining countries recently were closely monitored by the Government;
- (b) if so, the number of people of Indian origin, their families and properties affected due to the said violence in France, Berlin, Brussels;
- (c) whether any precautions were taken to ensure that people of Indian origin and their properties are protected;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any relief centres were established in the Embassies or at any other place to provide succour to the victims of Indian origin; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) We have not come across any report of any persons or families of Indian origin, or their property being affected. .
- (c) Our Missions were in touch with Indian community organizations and associations in various parts of France, Germany and Belgium. No untoward incidents of violence or destruction of property affecting persons of Indian origin have been reported.
- (d, e & f) Do not arise.