

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1253
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PAKISTAN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pakistan Human Rights Commission has expressed concern over the complaints of rising incidents of coerced abduction of Hindus in the country;
- (b) whether Pakistan Human Rights Commission has demanded the administration to release such citizens or to release the list of persons illegally abducted or taken into custody; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes. The report of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan for the year of 2006 states that the cases of abduction, disappearances and forced conversions of Hindus of Pakistan increased in 2006.

(b&c) In the above report, the Commission states that it moved a petition in the court in a case of abduction of three Hindu girls for their recovery and arranged for their parents to meet the press. The report further states that in the first week of December the Supreme Court ordered the police to shift the girls to the Edhi Welfare Center and provide protection to them until the time it was ascertained whether they had been indeed compelled to convert to Islam.