

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.04.2010**

ATTACKS ON INDIANS IN AFGHANISTAN

***361. SHRI M. ANANDAN:
DR. VIVEKANAND:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Indian nationals have been killed or injured in the terrorist attacks in Afghanistan;**
- (b) if so, the details of such incidents occurred during the last three years;**
- (c) whether any assistance, including financial, has been provided to the families of the deceased and the injured persons;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government is planning to scale down the operation of its Mission in Afghanistan;**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of the Indian nationals working in Afghanistan?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)**

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK
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(a) & (b) The number of Indians killed in Afghanistan since 2007, year wise is as follows:

Year	Name of the Organization	Number of Indians Killed
2007		Nil
2008	Suicide attack on Border Roads Organization (BRO) convoy. (January 3)	Two
	Suicide attack on BRO convoy. (April 12)	Two
	Suicide attack on BRO convoy. (June 5, 2008)	One
	Suicide attack on Embassy of India in Kabul (July 7, 2008)	Four
2009	Killing of abducted Indian working with an Italian logistics company (February 2009)	One
2010	Attack on residential accommodation used among others by Indian nationals	Seven

(c) & (d) Government has taken necessary steps to ensure financial and other assistance to the families of Indian officials and Indians working on Government-aided projects killed in terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, including ex-gratia compensation, insurance payments, liberalized pensionary benefits and other admissible benefits.

(e) & (f) Government has no plan to scale down its operations in Afghanistan. India's commitment to assisting the people and Government of Afghanistan in building a peaceful, pluralistic, democratic and prosperous Afghanistan remains undiluted.

(g) Government of India has comprehensively reviewed and enhanced security measures for the safety of our personnel and other Indians working in Afghanistan. It is also in regular touch with the Government of Afghanistan, which has assured necessary security for Indians in that country. Indian nationals registered with the Embassy are regularly advised about the prevailing security scenario in the country through security advisories, outlining the precautions that need to be taken for safety and security.
