

- (ii) Publicity material and collaterals in English and foreign languages produced for the domestic and international markets.
- (iii) Media campaigns in the print and electronic media undertaken in the domestic and international markets.
- (iv) Presentations on Buddhist tourism organised in the major source markets for Buddhist Tourism overseas.
- (v) Familiarisation Tours for trade and media representatives from overseas to Buddhist sites in the country and on the Special Mahaparinirvana Buddhist Tourist Train organized under the Hospitality Scheme of the Ministry.

Racial attacks in Australia

*42. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more and more Indian students are being attacked in Australia in spite of assurance given by the Prime Minister of Australia not to repeat such incidents;
- (b) whether Government has taken serious note of such attacks on Indians with the Australian Government;
- (c) the number of Indians who were injured/murdered till date along with the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any evidence that these attacks were racially motivated?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) Though there was a spurt in the number of incidents of attacks on Indian nationals, including students in Australia, in the month of January 2010, after a gap of over six months, there does not appear to be any evidence to indicate a consistent rise in the recent past of such incidents in Australia.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Details of attacks on Indian nationals, including students in Australia, since May, 2009 are given in the statement enclosed at Annexure. [See Appendix 219 Annexure No.3]
- (d) No, Sir. However, some of the attacks could have had racial overtones.

Rehabilitation of Tamils in Sri Lanka

†*43. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any change in the pace of rehabilitation of Tamils after elections in Sri Lanka;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.