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25	USA	07	MLAs/MLCs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Upendra J. Chivukula 2. Mr. Jay Goyal 3. Mr. Raj Goyle 4. Mr. Ken Mathew 5. Mr. Thomas Abraham 6. Ms. Swati Dandekar 7. Mr Satveer Chaudhary

Students assaulted in Australia

368. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of cases of Indians/Indian Students assaulted, attacked and killed in Australia during the last three months;

(b) the reasons for so many spurt of attacks in the recent past;

(c) the cause for such attacks and the steps taken by our Government; and

(d) whether Government of India has done its best or yet to employ its best?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) Details are given in the Statement-I (See below).

(b) and (c) The following factors are *inter-alia* believed to have contributed to the spurt in attacks on Indian students:

- Surge in the number of Indian students, especially in private vocational and educational institutes in the last four years and their high visibility in public areas.
- In the absence of adequate financial resources, working late hours as taxi-drivers, gas-station attendants etc. and returning late at night/early in the morning to their homes, located in unsafe neighbourhoods, where crime-rates are high.
- Walking alone to their homes from train stations through deserted poor-lit streets on their way back late at night.
- Carrying high-value electronic equipments like lap-tops, i-pods etc. in person when moving around.
- Staying at places far away from their colleges/universities.

(d) Details of steps taken by the Government to ensure safety and security of Indian students in Australia are given in the Statement-II [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question No. 351 Part 'c'].

Statement-I

High Commission of India

Canberra

Attacks on Indian students, Taxi drivers and others - - 01 January 2009 to 19 February 2010

Australian Capital Territory - Student

S.No.	Date of attack	Name (S/Shri)	Edu. Institute/Service	Place of Attack	Nature of Attack	Confirmed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	29.01.10	Dhaivat Bhakshi	ANU College of Business & Eco.	Kinloch, Northbourne Ave., Canberra	Assault & robbery - \$ 150 and passport robbed	By victim, reported to police
Queensland - Student						
1.	22.01.10	Sandeep Goyal	Student/Taxi driver	Brisbane	Assault & racial abuse	Arrests made
Queensland - Taxi Drivers						
1.	25.01.10	N.A.	Taxi driver	South Brisbane	Assault	Police
2.	26.01.10	N.A.	Taxi driver	Morningside	Assault	Police
3.	26.01.10	N.A.	Taxi driver	Storey Bridge Hotel	Assault	Police
Queensland - Others						
1	21.01.10	Hardik Patel	Motor Mechanic	MacGregor	Assault & robbery	Arrests made
2	27.01.10	N.A.	Pizza delivery boy	Brisbane	Assault	
3	27.01.10	N.A.	Doctor/PIO	Gold Coast	Assault/racial abuse	

Western Australia - Students						
1.	12.02.2010	Naveed Singh Kawaideep Singh	Students	Morley, Perth	Stabbed by fellow Indian student Jagdeep Singh over dispute on accommodation	By the Police and admitted by the offender . Jagdeep Singh is under Police custody till 24 February.
New South Wales - Students						
1.	29.12.2009	Ranjoth Singh	Student Spouse	Griffith	Murdered	Police have arrested 3 Indians; case in court
2.	11.01.2010	Amit Patel	Student/service	St. Mary's	Assault	Victim; no arrests made
3.	16.02.2010	Verinder Singh	Student, Holmes Institute	Victoria Road, Rydalmere	Assault/robbery	NSW Police and late by the victim
New South Wales - Others						
1.	02.02.2010	Vipin Arand	Service	Blacktown	Assault	Victim; police complaint regd.
South Australia - Students/Others						
1	28.12.2009	Ashish Joshi	Student	Adelaide	Assault	Victim; police case registered

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Victoria - Students						
1.	23.12.09	Udhay Sanker Jayachandran	Adv Diploma in Hospitality Mgmt, Holmesglen Institute of TAFE, Moorabbin Campus	Frankston Strm	Punched by 1 person (of a group of 4-5 people) on the forehead above the right eye	By victim
2.	6.1.10	Ashish Kumar	Hospitality at Hales	Car park at Coles Shopping Centre	Abused and attacked by 5-6 guys with wooden sticks and one knife; counter-attacked in self-defence; detained at Oakleigh Police Station	Alleged incident is said to be follow-on to a previous fracas on 27.10.09 at Westall Station in which case a report was registered in Dandenong Police Str.
3.	6.1.10	Jatinder Ahuja	Community Welfare at Cambridge	-do-	-do-	-do-
4.	6.1.10	Naydeep Arora	Community Welfare at Cambridge	-do-	-do-	-do-
5.	14.1.10	Ranjith Kumar Katta from Andhra Pradesh	Cert.III in Graphics Western Instt of Technology, Melbourne	At work - Caltex Service Station, Albert St., Sebastopol, Ballarat, 0330 am	Assault and robbery at work; 2 offenders aged about 17 and 30 years respectively	Police arrived and offenders were arrested after a lady customer raised alarm;

6.	15.1.10	Satheesh Kumar Thaipamula, AP	Master of Engg System in Mining Engg- Ballarat University	While driving taxi, around 3 am	Abuse [why u f... Indians are here, threats to kill] by 48 year old man from Navigators near Ballarat	Offender clearly drunk; arrested by police, pleaded guilty and convicted by court
7.	15.1.10	Panidutt Valluru, AP	Studying MBA (Int'l Mgmt) - Ballarat Uni [completed 1st Yr.]	While driving taxi from Deaconbe to Birdwood Av, around 2345 hrs	Assault by 4 offenders - all whites around 18 years age - who attacked him, and briefly stole his taxi/ they were clearly drunk	Reported - Police investigating
8.	25.1.10	Two male students	Details not available	Swanston Street, CBD	Assault by a group of 10 Persons of Asian appearance	9 people arrested - 5 charged - police investigating
9.	26.1.10	Vikas Twari	Comm. Welfare at Cambridge Int'l College	While dropping off passengers at Sunshine around 6 am in the morning	Assault over a fare dispute; victim sustained injuries to nose and cheek bone; treated at Royal Melbourne Hospital	Reported to Police
10.		Satinder Kumar Sharma	2nd Semester of Hospitality at AIC	Attacked outside their residence on 72nd St Street in Glenroy	Attack by a gang of around 12 to 15 people of mixed ethnicity; students retaliated by	Police have apparently charged the four with damage to property

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11	Mandeep Singh	1st Semester of Automotive Engg. at Cambridge College, Lt. Collins St.	-do-	-do- (was slashed by a knife across the hand)	-do-	
12	Sandeep Rai Bali	Last semester in Hair Dressing at Shella Baxter Instit. 100 Flinders St.	-do-	-do-	-do-	
13.	Saurav Kohli	2nd Semester of Hospitality at Holms Glen in Glen Waverly	-do-	-do-	-do-	
14.	6.2.10	Ranjan Katkarn	Second semester in Graphics Pre Press at ANQ, Swanston ST	Abused and bashed in a bus from Frankston Stn to Rye	3 offenders in 20-25 yrs age group; bashed by one on the forehead and threatened further if seen	Reported to Police; one offender caught/ on bail, charges not known

Victoria - Taxi drivers

S.No.	Date of Attack	Name S/Shri	Occupation	Place of Attack	Nature of Attack	Confirmed	Comments
1.	09.12.09	Ravinder Singh	Taxi Driver	Colliers Crescent Burnswick West, around 2 am	Assault - stabbed in chest, right lung punctured/robbery - wallet taken and days takings	By victim and police	
2.	15.01.10	Rahul Swaraj	Taxi Driver/owner of Bun Saimosa restaurant	Grevillea Rd. Ballarat, around 1 am	One of two passengers pulled a knife after getting out of the taxi on seeing which the cab driver drove away; no injury sustained	By police	
3.	17.01.10	Name not known	Taxi driver	Geelong	Assaulted by two passengers under the influence of drink; suffered a black-eye; other passengers came to assistance of driver	By police	Offenders apprehended
4.	20.01.10	Satish Kumar	Taxi driver	Plenty Road, Reservoir, Melbourne, around 2 am	Abused by female passenger for leaving friends behind due to legal limit on number of passengers/attacked by male passenger; treated for facial injuries	By police	Police have released footage of couple involved taken from camera in cab, asking for public assistance in identification

Victoria - Others

S. No.	Date of Attack	Name S/Shri	Occupation	Place of Attack	Nature of Attack	Confirmed	Comments
1.	2.1.2010	Nitin Garg	Part time at Hungry Jacks & intern in an accounting firm	In Cruickshank park between Yarraville station and Hungry Jacks outlet at Somerville Road	Stabbed in stomach	By Police	
2.	5.1.10	Rohit Kumar	Lawyer employed with legal firm (Freehills)	Public toilet in Town Hall bldg., Cnr of Collins and Swanston St	Punched in face by 2 men in 20s	By victim	
3.	9.1.10	Jaspreet Singh	On Spouse visa; has franchise in a courier company	Grice Cr. in Essendon	Alleged assault by 4 to 5 offenders and who then set car on fire in which process victim also suffered extensive burn injuries	By police and victim	Reported to Police
4.	29.01.10	Javeed Pasha	Debt Collector with Dun and Bradstreet	Intersection of Balclutha and Hawthorne, around 8 pm.	Abused and assaulted by three boys aged 18 to 20, with a girl as onlooker	By victim's wife	Police have alleged that Javeed attempted rape and may be charged accordingly