

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWER ON- 20/07/2023

ATTACK ON THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN THE US

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether attempts have been made by some elements to sabotage the Indian Embassy situated in the US in the recent past;
- (b) whether these elements have been identified;
- (c) whether they are a part of some particular organization; and
- (d) whether the US administration has taken any steps in this matter?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to d) There was an attempted arson by extremist elements at the Indian Consulate in San Francisco on 19 March and 02 July 2023.

Both incidents were taken up strongly with the US Government and local authorities. The Ministry, our Embassy in Washington DC and the Consulate in San Francisco are in regular contact with the US authorities, both in Delhi and in USA, to find the perpetrators and bring them to justice. Investigations are underway in both countries.

The US authorities have responded promptly, including a statement by the US National Security Adviser and the State Department strongly condemning the vandalism and attempted arson against the Consulate in San Francisco, terming it a criminal offence. The US Government also committed to the safety and security of the diplomatic facilities and diplomats.

The US Government has enhanced security arrangements at our Mission/Consulates in USA as per threat perceptions.

The Ministry will take all measures to ensure the safety of our diplomats and security of our Missions abroad so that they can perform their normal diplomatic functions without fear and intimidation.
