

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK IN AFGHANISTAN

977. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a suicide bomb attack took place near Jalalabad, Afghanistan recently;
- (b) if so, the number of Indians killed or wounded and the States from which these hailed;
- (c) whether any compensation has been given to the kin of those killed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the assistance being rendered to those who were injured in the attack; and
- (f) whether Government has asked Afghan authorities to tighten security measures in the market place to ensure innocent Indians do not become victims of attack?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (f) Yes, a suicide bomb attack did take place in Jalalabad, Afghanistan on July 1, 2018.

No Indian national was killed or hurt in this attack. However, 12 Afghan Sikh nationals and one Afghan Hindu national were killed in the attack.

Government of India has condemned the attack. Indian Mission in Kabul and Consulate in Jalalabad extended assistance and facilitation for performance of last rites of the deceased. One Afghan Sikh national who was injured in the suicide attack of July 1, 2018 in Jalalabad has been treated at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and discharged. Six more Afghan Sikh nationals have come to India for treatment.

Afghan Government has ordered an inquiry into the attack.
