

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018

IMPACT OF MASSACRE IN BURMA ON INDIA

1161. SHRI SIRAJUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the massacre of Rohingya Muslims in Burma has any adverse impact on India and if so, the details along with the response of the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to hold 'Indo-Burma bilateral talk' in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Government has been deeply concerned by the developments in the Northern Rakhine State of Myanmar following incidents of large scale violence in late-2016 and mid-2017, which resulted in exodus of a large number of people from the state, many of whom have sought shelter in neighbouring Bangladesh.

This issue has been taken up with Government of Myanmar, including during the visit of Prime Minister of India and visit of External Affairs Minister of India to Myanmar in September 2017 and May 2018 respectively. India has pressed for safe, speedy and sustainable return of the displaced population to Myanmar. The two sides have agreed that the only lasting solution to the problem lies in overall development of the Rakhine State. In this regard, Governments of India and Myanmar signed an MoU on Rakhine State Development Programme on December 20, 2017. In order to meet the pressing relief needs of the displaced persons, Government of India has supplied essential requirements to both Myanmar and Bangladesh.
