

**Question for written answer E-003545/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Situation in India after the election of Modi

In her presentation at the University of Leuven on Thursday, 19 February 2015, Prof. Dr. Neera Chandhoke of the University of Delhi described the situation in India after the election of Narendra Modi. She depicted Modi's party as an extreme-right Hindu fascist party, with Modi himself having no perception of democracy and taking a position closer to tyranny. Civil society in India is systematically excluded from the decision-making process, and violence against women remains a major issue, with no concrete actions being taken to make India a safer place for women. Attacks against at least six churches and Christian religious schools since December by Hindu hardliners have spread fear among minorities in India, with political rivals accusing the ruling party of exploiting religious divisions.

1. Is democratic governance and respect for women and minorities a priority of the EU agenda in India, and what steps is the EU taking to stress these issues to India's new leadership?
2. Are the attacks against Christian buildings in India a concern for the EU delegation in the country?
3. What part of EU funds in India goes towards projects targeting violence against women in the country?