

**Question for written answer E-013403/2013  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Discrimination against Sikhs regarding the wearing of the Dastar (turban)

Members of the Sikh community in a number of EU Member States are experiencing discrimination over the wearing of the Dastar (turban). In France and Belgium, children are being asked to remove their turbans or face exclusion from school, thus forcing them to forfeit their education. Sikhs are also being asked to remove the Dastar when submitting photographs for identification cards and driving licences.

Does the Commission agree that it is wrong for Member States to deny children their right to an education because they wear a turban in the classroom?

Moreover, what does the Commission intend to do to ensure that EU Member States fully observe and respect the rights of Sikhs to wear the Dastar?