



Commemorating 27 Years in Exile of the Kashmiri Hindus Forced Exodus

Persecution of Hindus and other minorities in and around Jammu & Kashmir

Wednesday 18th January 2017, 1900 hrs to 21 hrs

Committee Room no 12, House of Commons, Houses of Parliament, Westminster

Programme Outline

Welcome & Introduction to agenda Lakshmi Kaul (Kashmiri Pandits Cultural Society UK)	19:00 pm
Opening Remarks	19:05 pm
PLIGHT OF KASHMIRI PANDITS: 27 years in Exile	
Poem on KP Exodus Shireen Moti (KPCS UK)	19:10 pm
I, a Kashmiri Pandit and my fight for justice Dr Urmila Kaul Raina (KPCS UK)	19:15
Kashmiri Pandits' charter of demands and Response by Government of India (IEKF perspective) Mrs. Krishna Bhan (IEKF)	19:20 pm
UNDERSTANDING JAMMU & KASHMIR DEMOGRAPHY: regional & National geo-political dynamics	
What makes J&K a unique state? How is the regional tapestry affecting the local dynamics and interaction of local government? A report card of the current State Government. Jammu and Ladakh's frustration with unrest in Kashmir? (<i>Speaking time 5-7 minutes</i>) Manu Khajuria Singh (Voice of Dogras)	19:25 pm
Changing demography of J&K (case of KPs, Sindhis, Rohingyas and any other). Siddhartha Acharya (Human Rights Activist, Lawyer & Film maker)	19:35 pm
Centre & State dynamics and how it has impacted the delay in justice delivery for those affected. Arguments on Article 370 – for and against. Indian economic relationship – MFN status to Pakistan by India and other elements of India's foreign policy on relationship with Pakistan (<i>speaking time 5-7 minutes</i>) Vinod Tikoo (KPCS UK)	19:45 pm



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DECODING THE CALL FOR AZADI: Understanding Human Rights Violations on Ground	
Jammu and Kashmir struggle - Understanding the struggle for 'Azadi' – who wants it, from who? Pakistan's interference in 'Azad' Kashmir – how 'Azad' is it? Dr Shabbir Choudhary, Spokesman Kashmir National Party and International KashmirAlliance; Director, Institute of Kashmir Affairs	19:55 pm
Decoding the propaganda and politics behind the call for Right of Self Determination in the light of sufferings of the people in Pakistan Occupied Jammu Kashmir (Azad/Ghulam Kashmir). The reality of the political representation and voice of people of PoJK. Sajjad Raja, Former President of JKNAP UK	20:05 pm
DRAWING PARALLELS – Persecution of Minorities elsewhere	
Drawing Parallels with the Plight of minorities in Bangladesh and Pakistan – part of a planned, systematic extermination of minorities? Imran Choudhry	20:15 pm
DOCUMENTATION OF EVIDENCE OF FORCED EXODUS	
WE REMEMBER: Compilation of first person accounts of victims of Forced Exodus of Kashmiri Pandits. History repeats itself: recalling the events of 19.01.1990 in the light of recent incidents and events in J&K. Anupama Handoo, KPCS UK	20:25 pm
Film about the only museum documenting the Persecution of Hindus by Francois Gautier	20:35 pm
Kashmir Debate in the UK Parliament; Persecution of minorities and growing threat of radicalisation – looking at the bigger picture. Bob Blackman MP	20:45 pm
Vote of Thanks	20:55