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Parliamentary questions by member Voordewind (Christian Union) to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs about the visit of Prime Minister Modi of India to the Netherlands (submitted June 22, 2017)

1. Are you willing – also in view of your statements in response to previous questions⁽¹⁾ - to emphatically ask the attention of Prime Minister Modi of India for excluding and thwarting human rights and other civil society organizations, including through the restrictive *Foreign Contribution Regulation Act*, which causes Dutch development organizations to face major problems in financing their Indian partner organizations?
2. Are you prepared to discuss with Prime Minister Modi that a considerable number of people and organizations in the Netherlands face difficulties when applying for a visa for India, partly because they were critical about problems in Indian society and/or the policy of the Indian government? Would you urge him to change this restrictive visa policy and to bring it into line with the democratic values that India promotes?
3. Are you willing, in view of the many violations of labour rights, including child labour and modern slavery, that occur in various production chains of Dutch companies active in India, including in the garment⁽²⁾, seeds⁽³⁾ and natural stone⁽⁴⁾ sector, to work on further arrangements with Prime Minister Modi about collectively addressing these issues?
4. Are you, as a final point, prepared to address the position of frequently discriminated and marginalised groups such as Dalits and Muslims, also in view of the increasing number of violent expressions against them by extremist Hindu groups with regard to the banning of beef?⁽⁵⁾
5. Are you prepared to raise the increasing violence against Christian minorities, as evidenced by a report by the *All India Christian Council*?⁽⁶⁾
6. Can you answer these questions before the visit of Prime Minister Modi on 27 June next?

1) <http://www.indianet.nl/pdf/kv170213e.pdf>

2) <http://www.indianet.nl/pdf/kv170216e.pdf>

3) <http://www.indianet.nl/pdf/kv151218e.pdf>

4) <http://www.indianet.nl/pdf/kv150604e.pdf>

5) <http://idsn.org/hrw-india-must-stop-cow-protection-vigilante-violence-dalits-muslims/>

6) <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9r5fl2jtxe65v8w/AICC%20Annual%20Report%202016.pdf?dl=0>