

Question in the House of Lords Monday 30 November 2020

Baroness D'Souza (p) to ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for convening a summit of the governments of the 10 leading democracies in spring 2021. **(Lord True, CO) (p)**

Question from Lord Singh of Wimbledon 1.30 pm

My Lords, Can the noble Lord, the Minister tell us why India, currently in the news for its attempts to make Punjab's farmers serfs on their own land, is being suggested as one of the 10 leading democracies?

Why are we turning a blind eye to the Modi government's discriminatory laws making millions of Muslims second citizens, and others stateless, its brutal military suppression in Kashmir and its expulsion of Amnesty International for drawing attention to the government's widespread abuse of human rights?

Would the Minister agree that a country that ignores human rights in its pandering to majority prejudice, cannot be called a democracy?