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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about the debate on India which took place on the 12th January.

India is a vibrant democracy, one with many shared ties to the UK. Our countries have an invaluable and indispensable partnership, which the Government intends to strengthen in the years ahead - as the Foreign Secretary made clear on his recent visit to India.

I recognise people feel strongly about the situation for religious and other minorities in India. It is only right that parliamentarians in the UK have the opportunity to debate this. It is because of the UK's close relationship with the Government of India that difficult issues can be discussed, and concerns raised, where they exist, including at ministerial level.

Be assured that whatever debates are taking place at present, the priority of the Government at this time remains tackling the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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