

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO U.K . TALKS ON TERRORISM  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether he had talks with British Foreign Secretary in London;
- (b) if so, the details of the main issues discussed and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether India and Britain have agreed on an arrangement to fight terrorism jointly;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken in that direction?

**Answer**

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA )

(a) Yes, Sir. The Minister of External Affairs exchanged views with Mr. Robin Cook, British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on 14th January 2000 in London.

b) The broad based and wide ranging discussions extended to global and regional issues such as UN reform, international terrorism, environment, developments in Pakistan and Afghanistan and bilateral issues including the idea of setting up the Indo-British Round Table. The discussions contributed to the ongoing political dialogue with the U.K, and led to an enhanced understanding of India's position and concerns on bilateral, regional and global issues.

c) to e) During EAM's visit to London, the idea of cooperation in combating international terrorism was given priority and discussed by EAM at the highest levels of the British Government. Concrete measures for cooperation between the two countries in this regard are currently being examined.

These measures include a Terrorism Bill, which is presently being discussed in the British Parliament. This Bill, when it becomes an Act, would have a provision for trying a British national in the U.K for a serious crime committed in another country.