

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have not been able to present their case in regard to Kashmir on international forums;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir. The international community is fully aware of Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of the country. There is now a widespread recognition in the international community that there can be no justification for terrorism which needs to be eradicated wherever it exists.

(b)&(c) Do not arise.