

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1637

ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001

VISIT OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES

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

- (a) the foreign dignitaries who visited India after the World Trade Centre air strikes;
- (b) the discussions held with them and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the stand taken by India on terrorism was made known to them; and
- (d) if so, the views expressed by foreign dignitaries thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) - (d) Sir, the information is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1637 FOR ANSWER ON 28 NOVEMBER 2001 REGARDING  
OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES'

S. No.	Name of Foreign Dignitary & his designation who visited India after WTC air strikes	Name of country to which he belongs	Date(s) of Visit	Discussions held with him and the outcome thereof	Whether the stand taken by India on terrorism was made known to him	If so, the views expressed by foreign dignitary
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1.	Mr. Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Foreign Affairs	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	11-16 Sept., 2001	Discussions were held on bilateral, regional and international matters, which helped strengthen the India-Vietnam relations in the noon of Sept. 12.)	No. (The official talks were held during his visit, on Sept. 14, the Vietnamese FM said that Vietnam condemned the terrorist attack, supported India and all other countries in their fight against terrorism, and supported American efforts to curb the menace.)	Does not arise. (In an informal chat with pressmen at Patna airport during his visit, on Sept. 14, the Vietnamese FM said that Vietnam condemned the terrorist attack, supported India and all other countries in their fight against terrorism, and supported American efforts to curb the menace.)
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2. Mr. Sebastien Ouedraogo, Minister for Employment & Professional Training	Burkina Faso	16-21 Sept., 2001	Discussion on Vocational training.	No.	
3. Prof. Sam Ogeri, Minister for Public Health	Kenya	26-30 Sept., 2001	Health Summit	No	
4. Mr. Sanioullah Lauthan, Minister of Social Security	Mauritius	26 Sept. to 1 Oct., 2001	Discussions regarding Prison Reform & Exchange of Prisoners.	No.	
5. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister garner international support for the military action against Afghanistan. India highlighted the importance of taking action on countries, which harbour, support and finance terrorism. The format of the future political set-up in Afghanistan in the post-Taliban scenario was also discussed.	U.K	5-6 October 2001	He visited India as a part of his efforts to role and restraint in the current situation and condemned all acts of terrorism, including the attack on the assembly in Jammu & Kashmir.	Yes	Prime Minister Blair conveyed appreciation for India's
6. Mr. Abdullahi Ibrahim, Speaker of Kano State	Nigeria	7-17 Oct., 2001	Study Tour	No	
7 Mr. Jurgen Chrobog, State Secretary Minister and Foreign Secretary, Mr. Chrobog	Germany	12 October 2001	During talks with EAM, Principal Secretary to Prime on the evolving situation in Afghanistan.	Yes	He expressed Germany's desire to maintain close consultations

discussed the geopolitical situation of Afghanistan and the scourge of terrorism were discussed.

8. Mr. Ilya Klebanov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation; Co-Chairman of the Indo-Russian Inter Governmental Commission (IRIGC) for Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation; as also, Co-Chairman of the Indo - Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC). Mantri and Chairman of the IRIGC-MTC from the Indian side; and, Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secretary to PM and National Security Adviser. Terrorism is an absolute evil; it is a global scourge to be collectively countered.

Russian 14-16 During this Yes. visit, the Inter Session Review Meeting of the Indo-Russian Inter Governmental Commission (IRIGC) was held between India and the Russian Federation on 15 October, 2001. Shri Yashwant Sinha, Finance Minister is the Chairman of the IRIGC from the Indian side. Mr. Klebanov called on the President and the Prime Minister of India. He had separate meetings with Shri Jaswant Singh, EAM; Shri George Fernandes, Raksha system. They proceed from the understanding that terrorist acts admit no justification under any political, ethnic, religious, social, economic, or other grounds.

Both India and the Russian Federation have reaffirmed that global terrorism is a threat to international peace and security. Cooperation in combating terrorism is becoming an imperative of contemporary international reality. The two sides believe that combating this menace should be on a comprehensive and long-term basis and should be directed also at those supporting, harbouring or providing safe haven for terrorists. India and the Russian Federation intend to make their full contribution to the establishment of such a

India and the Russian Federation expressed their satisfaction with the level of cooperation

between India and the Russian Federation in countering international terrorism and other transnational organised crimes, which fuel terrorism, including drug trafficking. The two Sides reiterated their resolve to continue and coordinate efforts for strengthening the international legal basis for combating these challenges. Russia has expressed support for the Indian draft of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the UN.

<p>9. Mr. Lyonpo Jigmi Y. Thinley, Foreign Minister exhibition titled `The Living Religious and Cultural Traditions of Bhutan` terrorism.</p>	<p>Bhutan 15-22 Oct., 2001</p>	<p>He visited India in connection with the inauguration of Bhutanese support to the Indian initiative in the United Nations for an international convention on</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The dignitary shared our views of opposing any form of terrorism. He also expressed</p>
<p>10 Mr. Colin . Powell, U.S. Secretary of State Terrorism including military operations in Afghanistan, the post-Taliban political structure and a range of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern.</p>	<p>USA Oct. 16-17, 2001</p>	<p>Discussions were held on the global campaign against</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The dignitary agreed with the stand taken by India.</p>
<p>11 Mr. V.I. . Trubnikov , First Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Group (JWG)</p>	<p>Russian Federat ion 18-19 Oct 2001</p>	<p>Mr. Trubnikov visited India for the 3rd Session of the Indo-Russian Joint Working their resolve</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Both India &amp; Russia reaffirmed that global terrorism is a threat to International peace &amp; security and reiterated</p>

on Afghanistan. During this visit, he co-chaired the meeting of the JWG on Afghanistan with Co-chairperson from the Indian side, Smt. Chokila Iyer, Foreign Secretary. He also called on Home Minister; External Affairs Minister; and, Principal Secretary to PM and National Security Adviser. A Joint Statement was issued at the end of the JWG on Afghanistan.

to continue to fight against this menace.

12 Mr. . Nandcooma r Bodha, Minister of Tourism  
 13 Mr. Alan . Larson U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic & Business Affairs the post-Taliban political structure and a range of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern.  
 14 Mr. . Yoshiro Mori, former Prime Minister of Japan visited India as Special Envoy of the Prime Minister Mr. J. Koizumi. of Government of India's cooperation

Mauriti 18-24 C II Meeting No  
 us Oct.,  
 2001

USA Oct. 20, 2001 Discussions were held on the global campaign against Terrorism including military operations in Afghanistan,

Yes. The dignitary agreed with the stand taken by India.

Japan 28-30 Oct., 2001. He called on Prime Minister and Raksha Mantri. Mr. Mori carried a letter from PM Koizumi addressed to our PM which expressed appreciation India in this area. Mr. Mori also condemned the terrorist

Yes. Mr. Mori expressed appreciation for Government of India's cooperation with the international community in its fight against terrorism; and said that Japan is willing to cooperate with

with international community in its campaign against terrorism; extended condolences for the terrorist attack in Srinagar on 1 October 2001 and expressed support for the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism proposed by India.

attack in Srinagar on 1st October, 2001.

PM told Mori that the fight against terrorism is a global fight and that India has offered full support to the coalition. He was told that support to terrorism by Taliban regime directly impacted on India. In the post-Taliban scenario, there has to be a broad-based government with equitable representation of different ethnic and religious groups. PM and other leaders conveyed that India will fully participate in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan. Home Minister proposed that India and Japan could set up a joint working group on terrorism

and also  
sign an  
agreement on  
mutual legal  
assistance  
in criminal  
matters. He  
took note of  
our  
suggestions  
and agreed  
to follow  
up.

Prime  
Minister has  
written a  
letter to  
Prime  
Minister of  
Japan on 27  
October 2001  
on India's  
perspective  
of post-  
conflict  
Afghanistan.

15 Mr.  
. Gerard  
Schroeder  
, German  
Chancellor  
views with  
Rashtrapatij  
i, Prime  
Minister and  
Vice  
President.  
The  
situation in  
Afghanistan  
and the  
scourge of  
international  
terrorism  
was the  
focus of  
these  
discussions.  
Accompanying  
German  
Interior  
Minister Mr.  
Otto Schily  
and Home  
Minister  
discussed  
measures and  
strategies  
in the fight  
against  
international  
terrorism.  
We  
emphasised  
the need for  
maintaining  
close  
consultation  
s in the  
form of a  
Joint  
Working  
Group on  
International  
Terrorism.  
We also

Germany 28-31 Chancellor  
October Schroeder  
r 2001 was on a  
State visit  
during which  
he exchanged  
any distinction  
between  
terrorists acts  
in USA or in  
Kashmir.  
Germany was  
appreciative of  
India's  
balanced  
approach in the  
current  
situation.

Yes

German  
leadership  
reiterated  
their stand  
that Germany  
would not make

sought  
 Germany`s  
 support for  
 India`s  
 draft  
 Comprehensive  
 Convention  
 on  
 International  
 Terrorism.

16 Mr.  
 . Hubert  
 Vedrine,  
 Foreign  
 Minister  
 situation in  
 Pakistan and  
 the menace  
 of  
 internationa  
 l terrorism  
 were  
 discussed.  
 Both leaders  
 reiterated  
 their  
 commitment  
 to fight  
 internationa  
 l terrorism  
 and maintain  
 close  
 cooperation  
 on the  
 issue. India  
 expressed  
 concern over  
 the West  
 engaging  
 with General  
 Musharraf in  
 the fight  
 against  
 terrorism.

France 1 During the  
 Novemb visit, the  
 er future of  
 2001 Afghanistan,  
 the  
 attitude in the  
 evolving  
 situation.

Yes. French Minister  
 was  
 appreciative of  
 India`s  
 restrained

17 Mr.  
 . George A.  
 Papandreo  
 u,  
 Foreign  
 Minister  
 aftermath of  
 September 11  
 terrorist  
 attacks in  
 USA and also  
 on the  
 future  
 political  
 set up in  
 Afghanistan.  
 EAM  
 emphasised  
 that the  
 current  
 coalition  
 against  
 terrorism  
 should  
 strike at  
 the root of  
 terrorism  
 and not  
 restrict  
 itself to  
 the Al Qaeda  
 network

Greece 2 He exchanged  
 Novemb views with  
 er EAM on the  
 2001 internationa  
 l situation  
 in the  
 based and  
 representative  
 of the people  
 of Afghanistan.  
 The Greek  
 Foreign  
 Minister  
 acknowledged  
 that India had  
 been a long-  
 suffering  
 victim of cross-  
 border  
 terrorism and  
 that there was  
 need to curb  
 and contain  
 terrorism  
 wherever and in  
 whatever forms  
 it existed.

Yes. India and  
 Greece agreed  
 that the future  
 government in  
 Afghanistan  
 should be broad-

18 Mr.  
 . Donald  
 Rumsfeld,

USA Nov. 4- Discussions  
 5, were held on  
 2001 the global

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 agreed with the  
 stand taken by



U.S. Secretary of Defence military operations in Afghanistan, the post-Taliban political structure and a range of bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual concern.

19 Mrs. Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights President, EAM, Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Minister for Law, Justice & Company Affairs and the Chief Justice. She also met Dr. Najma Heptullah, Dy. Chairperson of Rajya Sabha and other Members of Parliament interested in Human Rights issues. Terrorism was one of the topics discussed during her various calls/meetings, although the focus was more on Human Rights per se, particularly in the context of the World Conference against Racism held in Durban in August-September this year, and the social, cultural and economic rights of deprived sections of society as well as

campaign against Terrorism including

India.

United Nations Nov. 2001 HCHR's visit to India was not a stand on of our concerns, the issue of terrorism was the loss of life and senseless violence being faced by India as a result of trans-border terrorism and appreciated our determination to protect the basic Human Rights to life of our citizens, within the parameters of our laws.

women and children, since HCHR's programme also included the inauguration of a Workshop for Judges on the Justiciability on Social, Economical and Cultural Rights organised by her office and hosted by India.

20 Mr. Kola . B. Jamodu Minister for Industry

Nigeria 22 Nov. 2001

Industries No Matters