

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR FIGHTING TERRORISM

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries which have supported India`s views against Pakistan on the issue of terrorism;
- (b) whether these countries have also offered their help to fight against the terrorist activities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(c) The December 13 terrorist attack against India`s Parliament was an attack against the very heart of our democracy, system of Government, and our sovereignty. Prime Minister reflected the mood of the nation, when he stated on December 13, that India`s fight against terrorism must now enter a decisive phase. The international community has been fully supportive of India`s strong determination to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed. The widespread consensus in the international community today is that there is no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.

In its fight against terrorism India has received effective operational and policy level cooperation from several countries, including through Joint Working Groups on terrorism.