

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PAK'S ROLE IN ATTACK ON PARLIAMENT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have shared the evidence gathered by our investigating agencies with any foreign countries showing Pakistan's direct role in the attack on Indian Parliament;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of these countries thereto?

Answer

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

(a)-(c) Government have provided to the international community information based on results of our investigations into the December 13 attack on India's parliament. This has included evidence of the Pakistani nationality of the five terrorists killed, as well as the involvement of the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) and the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JuM), two Pakistan based terrorist groups known for their close links with Pakistan's intelligence agencies.

Government have been, appropriately and effectively, bringing to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. The international community has been openly acknowledging the fact that Pakistan sponsors cross border terrorism and uses it as an instrument of state policy. This perspective is also often reflected in the media coverage on Pakistan.

The December 13 attack against India's Parliament once again starkly highlighted to the international community the fact that terrorism poses the gravest danger to liberal, open and democratic societies such as ours. The international community strongly supports India's resolve to resist terrorism until it is decisively crushed; the widespread consensus in the international community is that there is no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.