

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1110

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SECURITY TIE WITH SINGAPORE

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

(a) whether the Union Government propose to build a comprehensive security related partnership with Singapore to take concrete action against international terrorism as reported in the `Hindu` dated February 5, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government also propose to set up a joint working group against terrorism with Singapore; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government of Singapore thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) to (d): Both India and Singapore share common concerns on the issue of regional and global security and are partners in the global fight against international terrorism. During the visit of Deputy Prime Minister to Singapore in February this year, both India and Singapore reiterated that all nations should extend full cooperation in rooting out terrorism. The two sides agreed to explore the possibility of entering into an Extradition Treaty, a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in Criminal and Civil Matters and establishing a Joint Working Group on combating terrorism and organized crime. The response of Singapore side to the Indian proposals in this regard was positive.