

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3755
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BOMB BLAST IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have found any link of recent series of bomb blasts in Mumbai at Ghatkopar, Mumbai Central, Ville Parle etc. with the external forces;
- (b) if so, whether Mumbai Police and various agencies at centre are suspecting support and involvement of the external agencies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there have been any connection with 1992-93 Mumbai blasts suspected;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Intelligence Agencies at Union Government level has any interaction with Mumbai Police in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the status of the findings till now?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): Investigations so far conducted reveal that a Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorist Abu Hamza along with six arrested accused are involved in the Ghatkopar bomb explosion. On 29.3.03, three terrorists of Lashkar-e-Toiba connected with train Bomb Explosion near Mulund were killed by Mumbai Police in exchange of fire at Jogeshwari.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): Intelligence agencies of the Union Government have been closely interacting with the Mumbai Police in the investigation of these cases and have rendered significant assistance.

(g): There are clear indicators to suggest that Pak backed groups like the LeT are actively engaged in efforts to carry out terrorist acts at different centers in India.