GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:446 ANSWERED ON:25.07.2000 TRAINING CAMPS BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan is giving training to the terrorists;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Pak youths are also being trained to work as Sikh terrorists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government in this matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

- (a)&(b): As per available reports, Pakistan is imparting training to militants for indulging in terrorist/violent activities in various parts of the country. Several training camps are reported to have been established in Pak/POK where training in arms & explosive handling is imparted to terrorists.
- (c) & (d): There are no confirmed reports in this regard.
- (e): With a view to tackling the problem of terrorism, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, inter-alia, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action, gearing up intelligence machinery, and providing improved weapons and equipments for Security Forces.