

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PAK'S ROLE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether three Muslim Youths admitted during their interrogation recently that they had sneaked across mountains separating the divided Himalayan State;
- (b) if so, the other information extracted from them;
- (c) whether U.S., UK intelligence are in possession of enough proof about Pakistan's active support to terrorists and their violent activities in Kashmir;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) In the absence of specific particulars about the three Muslim youth who infiltrated or were interrogated, Government is unable to give any further information. Government is, however, aware that Pakistan infiltrates armed terrorists as part of its policy of sponsoring cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India.

(c) & (d) Government have, appropriately and effectively, brought to the attention of the international community, including the appropriate authorities in USA and UK, facts regarding Pakistan's state sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. The international community now openly recognizes Pakistan's state sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India, and the impact this has on the security of our country and the region. This greater awareness is being reflected in statements by official spokesmen of several governments, and in the international media coverage on Pakistan.

(e) Government remains steadfast in its resolve to defeat Pakistan's state sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India.