

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF US COORDINATOR FOR COUNTER TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the US State Department coordinator for counter-terrorism had visited India during the month of March and held parleys with top Government officials on terrorism;
- (b) if so, whether the situation in Afghanistan was also discussed;
- (c) whether this delegation had meeting with other officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, Home Ministry and Law Enforcement agencies;
- (d) if so, whether India expressed its concern/opinion over the continuing extremist violence in J&K in spite of Pakistan's assurance not to help extremists; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which US representatives were appraised of the situation in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) -(e) The U.S. State Department coordinator for counter-terrorism Ambassador Cofer Black, visited India on 1-2 March, 2004 and held discussions with Indian officials on terrorism. In these discussions the situation in the region, including Afghanistan was also discussed. The Indian side also drew attention to continuing evidence of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and emphasised the need for effective action by Pakistan to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism.