GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:182 ANSWERED ON:23.11.2005 TERRORIST TRAINING CAMPS IN PAKISTAN Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has conveyed its resentment to Pakistan about terrorist camps still functioning from its territory;

(b) if so, whether infiltration from Pakistan is continuing; (

(c) whether the Prime Minister during his visit to USA has conveyed to the US Government about continuation of terrorist training camps in Pakistan and in PoK; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Pakistan Government to fulfil the promise regarding disbanding of camps in its area?;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHMED)

(a) to (d) Infiltration continues across the LoC/IB in Jammu and Kashmir. The level of infiltration this year is almost the same as last year. Government has, in its interaction with Pakistan at all levels, continuously stressed the fact Pakistan has not taken any effective action to dismantle the infrastructure of support to terrorism on a permanent basis. Government has made it clear to Pakistan that the premise on which the present dialogue process is based is the commitment of January 6, 2004 by Pakistan not to permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.

During his meeting with US Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice on September 15 2005 in New York, PM conveyed that an end to cross-border infiltration and terrorism was essential if peace process with Pakistan was to be carried forward successfully. He also underlined that the infrastructure of terrorism must be permanently dismantled by Pakistan.