GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1238 ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005 INVOLVEMENT OF PAK TERRORISTS IN DELHI BOMB BLASTS Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister in his talks with the President of Pakistan on October 31, 2005 had expressed his apprehension over the involvement of terrorist groups of Pakistan in the bomb blasts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether following the apprehension expressed by the Prime minister, Pakistan had requested the Union Government to provide preliminary evidence regarding the involvement of terrorist groups of Pakistan in the said bomb blasts;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government has provided any information relating to bomb explosions and training camps of terrorist groups being run on the border areas with Pakistan;

(f) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(g) if not, the reasons for delay in this connection?

Answer

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

(a) - (g) In a telephonic conversation with President Musharraf who called the Prime Minister on 31 October 2005 to express condolence for the Delhi serial blasts, PM told the President of Pakistan that the country was outraged at these heinous acts of terrorism. PM again drew the President's attention to Pakistan's commitment to ending cross-border terrorism and said that we continue to be disturbed and dismayed at indications of the external linkages of terrorist groups with the October 29 bomb blasts. PM said India expects Pakistan to act against terrorism directed at India. President Musharraf asked for the blasts to be investigated and assured that he would take action if India shared the results of the investigation.

The blasts are under investigation by the concerned authorities.