

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2206  
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INDO-UK COOPERATION TO CHECK TERRORISM  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether India and UK have decided to work together to evolve international norms for zero tolerance on global terrorism; and
- (b) If so, the steps proposed to be taken by both countries in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) - (b) During the visit of Prime Minister Tony Blair to India (8 September 2005) both sides agreed that there can be no justification whatsoever for terrorism on any grounds - religious, political, ideological or any other.

India and UK have established a Joint Working Group for strengthening cooperation to combat terrorism. The Joint Working Group provides a framework for cooperation in various ways, including through exchange of information and assessments on terrorism, training and curbing drug trafficking.