

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT WORKING GROUP AGAINST TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has finalised the setting up of Joint Working Groups against terrorism and exchange of information relating to organised crime, trafficking of narcotic drugs etc. with Turkey and Israel;
- (b) If so, whether any agreements have been signed with these countries in this regard;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and;
- (d) The outcomes of the said agreements signed alongwith the strategy drawn to tackle the various related problems?

Answer

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

(a) -(d) India established a Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism with Israel in June 2000. A Joint Working Group with Turkey on Combating Terrorism was established in September 2003. These provide a framework for cooperation with these two countries, including inter-alia, by way of sharing of information and experience, cooperation in preventing terrorist financing, drug trafficking and organized crimes as also through capacity building.