GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF PAKISTANI OUTFITS IN MUMBAI ATTACK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided sufficient evidence to the Government of Pakistan regarding involvement of Pakistani people/outfits in the recent Mumbai attacks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Pakistani Government thereto; and
- (c) the further steps proposed to be taken in the light of Pakistani response?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) On 05 January 2009, the Government of Pakistan was given material linking the Mumbai attack of 26-29 November, 2008 to elements in Pakistan. Our High Commissioner in Pakistan was informed officially by the Pakistan Foreign Secretary on 12th February 2009 of Pakistan's response to the dossier of material that we had made available to Pakistan on January 5,2009 linking the terrorist attacks on Mumbai to perpetrators in Pakistan. In their response, the Pakistan authorities have confirmed that elements in Pakistan were involved in the terrorist attacks on Mumbai. Pakistan has also sought further information and material relating to the investigation.
- (c) It remains India's goal to bring the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks on Mumbai to book, and to follow this process through to the end. We would also expect that the Government of Pakistan take credible steps to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism in Pakistan.