GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:173 ANSWERED ON:15.07.2009 SHARING OF EVIDENCE ON MUMBAI TERROR ATTACK Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided sufficient evidence to Pakistan on the latter's involvement in Mumbai terror attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto;

(c) the details of hardships being faced by the people after the said attack; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.173 REGARDING 'SHARING OF EVIDENCE ON MUMBAI TERROR ATTACK' FOR ANSWER ON 15.07.2009

(a) &(b) On 05 January 2009 Government of Pakistan was given material linking the Mumbai attack on 26-29 November 2008 to elements in Pakistan. Subsequently, clarifications and additional information were handed over on 13 March and 20 May 2009. Pakistan has confirmed that elements in Pakistan were involved in the terrorist attack in Mumbai, that the Lashkar-e-Tayeba had carried it out and informed about the arrest of 5 Pakistani nationals said to be responsible. We, however, expect Pakistan to act on the information provided by us to uncover the entire conspiracy, and to bring all the perpetrators and conspirators of the heinous terrorist crime to justice.

(c) & (d) As a consequence of the attack, 164 people were killed and 308 wounded. Government is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the security of its citizens and territory.