

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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JAMAT-UL-DAWA COLLECTING FUNDS TO ATTACK INDIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Jamat-ul-Dawa activists are engaged in collecting funds at the mosques located in the Pak Occupied Kashmir (PoK) to spread terrorism in India;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained the authenticity of this information;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has also had a talk with the Pakistan Government in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) Government has seen media reports that Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) is collecting funds for jehad from mosques located in the Pak Occupied Kashmir (POK).

(b) to (f) Government strongly condemns such activities directed against India. At the instance of India and other countries, the United Nations Security Council designated Pakistan- based Jammat-ud-Dawa as a terrorist organisation under its Resolution 1267, as being an affiliate of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, and mentioned JuD as an alias of the Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Government has repeatedly asked Pakistan, including at the recent talks between the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan held on February 25, 2010, to take effective action against JuD and its leadership so as to check their anti-India activities in the territory under Pakistan's control. Pakistan Foreign Secretary stated that Pakistan was determined not to allow such territory to be used for terrorist activity against any country.