

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether some countries have allegedly said that Pakistan is the centre of terrorist activities; and
- (b) if so, the reasons behind the Government agreeing for joint action with Pakistan against terrorism?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIS. M. KRISHNA)

(a): Government are aware that concerns have been expressed by some countries that some areas and organisations within Pakistan provide sanctuaries for terrorists for cross border activities.

(b): At the meeting between Prime Minister of India and President of Pakistan on 16-09-2006 in Havana both leaders decided to put in place a Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism to identify and implement counter-terrorism initiatives and investigations. Four meetings under the Joint Anti Terrorism mechanism were held before the Composite Dialogue was paused after the terrorist attack on Mumbai on 26-11-2008.