

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:273

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SAARC INTERIOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a conference of the interior Ministers of SAARC member countries had been recently held;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main issues discussed therein;
- (c) whether issues pertaining to curbing of terrorist activities directed against India and action against the perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attacks were taken up with the Pakistani side;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and agreements made between the two countries in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the assurances given by Pakistan in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Third Meeting of SAARC Interior/Home Ministers took place in Islamabad on June 26, 2010. The meeting considered, inter alia, issues relating to visa, security, terrorism, trafficking in women and children, drugs and narcotics. An important outcome of the SAARC Interior/Home Ministers' Meeting was the adoption of the Islamabad SAARC Ministerial Statement on Cooperation against Terrorism which also underscored the commitment of SAARC Member States "to apprehend and prosecute or extradite persons connected, directly or indirectly, with the commission of acts of terrorism".

(c) to (e): Yes Madam. Dossiers and documentations on this were handed over. The Pakistan side assured that the Indian side would not be disappointed with their response.