

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ON WIKILEAKS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is cognizant of the 92,000 classified documents pertaining to the conflict in Afghanistan that have emerged on the website Wikileaks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government tasked anyone/agency with the responsibility of persuing these documents considering that Afghanistan is an area of strategic interest to India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the classified documents now available on Wikileaks support to the fact that the ISI paid to the Taliban and the Haqqani network specifically target Indians, Indian projects and Indian interests in Afghanistan;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the number of such attacks on Indians that took place in Afghanistan since 2001;
- (h) whether India is going to raise the issue with Pakistan; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Government is aware of material, purportedly from US Government sources, put on the website wikileaks.com on July 25, 2010.
- (c) & (d) Government continuously monitors all reports and developments pertaining to India's security and national interest.
- (e) & (f) The documents published by Wikileaks point to links of Pakistan's intelligence agency with terrorist groups fighting in Afghanistan and planning attacks in Afghanistan, including on Indians.
- (g) There have been nine terrorist attacks on Indians in Afghanistan that resulted in fatalities, with a total of twenty Indians killed in these attacks.
- (h) &
- (i) India's concerns related to terrorism emanating from territory under Pakistan's control have been consistently conveyed to Pakistan. India has also called upon Pakistan to fulfil, in letter and spirit, the solemn commitment given by the leaders of Pakistan of not allowing its soil for terrorist activities directed against India in any manner.