

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:315
ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010
FOREIGN SECRETARY LEVEL TALKS
Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether after the terrorist attacks on Mumbai, Government had decided that so long as the action is not taken against the terrorists responsible for attack, India would have no dialogue with Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that in spite of no concrete action against terrorists by the concerned nation, the Government is preparing for Foreign Secretary level talks under duress from foreign country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of scheme prepared by the Government for action against foreign terrorists in future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) It is Government's consistently expressed position that it is necessary to have an environment free of terror or threat of terror if relations between India and Pakistan are to move forward concretely and meaningfully. Government expects Pakistan to bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai terrorist attack to justice, unravel the full conspiracy behind the attack, fulfil its commitment to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism and to deny sanctuary to all terrorist groups which operate from its soil. Even after the Mumbai terrorist attack, though the Composite Dialogue process was paused, the door for dialogue with Pakistan was never closed. There have been several high level interactions between India and Pakistan to ensure communication between the two countries, especially to convey our core concerns relating to terrorism directed against India from Pakistan. Pakistan's Foreign Minister has accepted External Affairs Minister's invitation to visit Delhi at a suitable date to be decided through diplomatic channels.

(c) No

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Government is committed to take all necessary steps to safeguard the security of its citizens and territory.