

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3378
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DECLARING PAKISTAN A TERRORIST STATE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare Pakistan a terrorist country and encourage other countries also to follow suit; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) There are no well defined or internationally accepted criteria to designate a country or an organization as 'terrorist'. However, due to Government's strong and purposive international engagement, the international community recognizes Pakistan's links with cross-border terrorism in India and the responsibility and the commitment of the Government of Pakistan to put an end to it. It is Government's consistently expressed position that it is necessary to have an environment free of terror or threat of terror and for Pakistan to abandon the use of terrorism as an instrument of policy if relations between the two countries are to move forward concretely and meaningfully.