GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1735 ANSWERED ON:10.08.2011 TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST INDIA BY PAKISTAN Adityanath Shri Yogi

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether terrorist activities against India from Pakistan are increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check such anti-India activities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Ensuring a peaceful and secure neighbourhood is central to India's foreign policy objectives. Government constantly monitors the prevailing and emerging situation in the neighbourhood including Pakistan.

India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan in an atmosphere free from terror and violence. We have consistently conveyed to Pakistan that it must fulfill its solemn commitment of not allowing territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. Pakistan's credible and effective action against terrorism is in its own interest and in the interest of the region.

During the meeting of External Affairs Minister with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan in New Delhi on July 27, 2011, we forcefully conveyed our terrorism related concerns to Pakistan. In the Joint Statement issued after the talks, both sides agreed that terrorism poses a continuing threat to peace and security and reiterated the firm and undiluted commitment of the two countries to fight and eliminate this scourge in all its forms and manifestations and in this regard agreed on the need to strengthen cooperation on counterterrorism to bring those responsible for terror crimes to justice.

Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary steps to meet our legitimate strategic and security requirements.