

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ORGANISING SEMINARS IN U.S.
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the arrest of Ghulam Nabi Fai in the United States by Federal Bureau of Investigations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the Indian nationals participated in the seminar organised by Fai to gather support for Kashmiri separatists; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government on this incident?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) Syed Ghulam Nabi Fai, a U.S. citizen and Director of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC), Washington, was arrested in the United States by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on 18 July 2011. Fai, along with Zaheer Ahmed, a U.S. Citizen resident in Pakistan, has been charged with "conspiracy to act as agents of a foreign principal without registering with the Attorney General." The indictment filed in the U.S. court stated that Fai, Director of KAC, was working for more than 20 years at the direction of and with the financial support of the Government of Pakistan, including Pakistan's military intelligence service, the Inter-Services Intelligence Agency (ISI).

(c) & (d) The Government is aware that seminars and annual conferences organized by the Kashmiri American Council on issues relating to Jammu and Kashmir also drew Indian participation. The individuals who attended these events did so in their personal capacity.