

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING OF TERRORISTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan based Lashkar-e-Taiba has been giving military, explosives and intelligence training to the newly recruited terrorists for boosting militancy in Kashmir;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken up this issue with the Government of Pakistan and in other international fora; and
- (c) if so, their reactions and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There are reports that Lashkar-e-Taiba continues to plan and carry out anti-India activities. Terrorism emanating from territory under Pakistan's control remains a core concern for us. India has, therefore, sought a firm and abiding commitment from Pakistan that it will not allow territory under its control to be used for the aiding and abetting of terrorist activity directed against India and for providing sanctuary to such terrorist groups. India has consistently stressed to its interlocutors, including in international fora, the need for Pakistan to honour its commitment of not allowing territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner.

During the meeting of External Affairs Minister with Pakistan's Foreign Minister in New Delhi on July 27, 2011, the Ministers 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 counter- terrorism to bring those responsible for terror crimes to justice. 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.

Government is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.