

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2979  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2014  
CAPACITY BUILDING OF AFGHAN FORCES  
Singh Shri Bharat

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as part of the reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan, India has made a commitment regarding capacity building of Afghan security forces;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) Under the Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA), signed in October 2011 between India and Afghanistan, India has committed to assist, as mutually determined, in the training, equipping and capacity building programmes as asked for by the Government of Afghanistan.

Security cooperation between India and Afghanistan is intended to help enhance our mutual and respective efforts in the fight against international terrorism, organized crime, illegal trafficking in narcotics and money laundering. India will continue to assist in the training of personnel as per the requests received from the Afghan authorities from time to time and based on our capacity.