

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1899
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INDO ISRAEL COUNTER TERRORISM MEETING
Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting of the Indo-Israel working group on counter-terrorism was held in the recent past in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Israel has offered its services to fight terrorism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government proposes to utilise the services of the Israeli experts in countering terrorism?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The last meeting of the India- Israel Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter Terrorism was held in New Delhi on 20 February 2013. During the JWG, both sides exchanged perceptions of threat emanating from terrorism and emphasised their determination to fight the menace. They also discussed elements of regional and global terrorist threats, respective national counter terrorism strategies, state sponsored terrorism and need to strengthen bilateral and international cooperation to counter this threat.

(c) to (e) Both India and Israel agreed to enhance dialogue and co-operation in the area of counter terrorism and have signed agreements on Co-operation in Homeland and Public Security, Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty and Protection of Classified Materials and Information on February 27th, 2014.