## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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COUNTER TERROR INFRASTRUCTURE
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## Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposed to take effective measures to check cross-border terrorism;
- (b) if so, the mechanism put in place for the same;
- (c) the achievements made in this regard;
- (d) whether India's counter terror infrastructure has reportedly come under criticism from the international community; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

## **Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, the Government has taken and continues to take measures to check and prevent cross border terrorism and infiltration.
- (b) All cross border issues are regularly discussed through established institutional bilateral and multi-lateral mechanisms. The Government in tandem with the State Governments have also adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross border infiltration which includes, inter alia, strengthening of border management and multi- modal deployment along international border/ Line of Control and infiltration routes.
- (c) Due to the Government's strong and purposive international engagement, the international community increasingly recognizes Pakistan's links with cross border terrorism in India and the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to put an end to it. As a consequence of the diplomatic steps taken internationally and bilaterally the UN Al-Qaeda and Taliban Sanctions Committee listed, under Security Council Resolution 1267, individuals and entities based in Pakistan including leaders of Lakshar e Tayyiba. The Jamat-ud Dawa was also listed as an alias of the LeT. There has also been a decrease in infiltration attempts in the year 2014 over the last year.
- (d) Government of India has seen references to India's CT infrastructure contained in 'Country Reports on Terrorism 2013' published by the US Department of State.
- (e) Government would continue to convey the strength of India's comprehensive CT structure to US authorities and other international interlocutors in our bilateral discussions.