GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-US joint working group on counter terrorism still exists;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of meetings held since its inception, date-wise;

(c) the outcome of each meeting; and

(d) the time by which next meeting is likely to be held and the details of agenda fixed, if any?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The JWG on CT between India and US started in the year 2000. The details of the meetings held so far are as follows:

S.No. Date of Meeting Venue

- 1. 1st Meeting : 7-8 February, 2000 Washington DC
- 2. 2nd Meeting : November, 2000 New Delhi
- 3. 3rd Meeting : 25-26 June, 2001 Washington DC
- 4. 4th Meeting : 21-22 January, 2002 New Delhi
- 5. 5th Meeting :11-12 July, 2002 Washington DC
- 6. 6th Meeting : 31 August, 01 September, 2004 New Delhi
- 7. 7th Meeting : 19-20 April, 2006 Washington DC
- 8. 8th Meeting : 28 February, 2007 New Delhi
- 9. 9th Meeting : 28-30 November, 2007 Washington DC
- 10. 10th Meeting : 25 August, 2008 New Delhi
- 11. 11th Meeting : 17 June, 2009 Washington DC
- 12. 12th Meeting : 25 March, 2011 New Delhi
- 13. 13th Meeting : 1 June, 2012 Washington DC

(c) The meetings have led to better understanding and closer cooperation between the two sides on the issue of CT in bilateral as well as multilateral fora. There has been considerable progress on intelligence sharing, operational cooperation, technology transfer and capacity building.

(d) The next meeting is proposed for later this year. Dates are being worked out in consultation with the US side.