

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERROR THREAT AT WAGAH BORDER

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the recent suicide attacks at Wagah border in which a large number of Pakistani nationals have been killed/injured, the Indian Government proposes to assess the situation and strengthen its security and operational systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether there are any inputs to suggest suicide attack at the borders of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): There are intelligence inputs that certain Pak-based terror groups intend to target the flag hoisting ceremony at the Wagah border. The recent terror attack on the Pakistan side of the Wagah border has further increased the sensitivity in this matter.

The Government of India, in tandem with the State Governments concerned, have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border infiltration, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered deployment along international border/Line of Control and infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, high-technology weapons and equipments for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination, synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and proactive action against terrorists within the country.

In addition, there is close and effective coordination amongst intelligence agencies at the Centre and the State levels. The Intelligence inputs about possible designs and threats are shared with the State Governments concerned on a regular basis. The Multi Agency Centre (MAC) has been strengthened and re-organized to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with various law enforcing agencies including State Police, which ensures seamless flow of information between the State and the Central agencies. This has resulted in busting of many terror modules, thus neutralizing major terror attack plans.

All these measures are relevant in the background of the recent Wagah border incident on the Pakistan side.