

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE RELATION WITH PAKISTAN

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

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to take any initiative to cut-off trade links with Pakistan in retaliation to its acts of terrorism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the success achieved in persuading the Western countries to condemn Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(b) The Government of India do not propose to cut-off trade links with Pakistan, but will continue to take all necessary actions to protect the country's trade interests vis-à-vis that country.

(c) The facts regarding Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India have been effectively and appropriately brought before several international fora and have also been raised at high-level bilateral discussions with world leaders. The international community now openly recognises Pakistan's state-sponsorship of terrorism and the impact this has on the security of the country and the region.