

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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ATTACK ON A TEMPLE IN GUJARAT

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

(a)whether involvement of Pakistani nationals in the recent attack on a temple in Gujarat has been conveyed to foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the reaction of the international community thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) There have been reports of involvement of Pakistani nationals in the recent attack on the Swaminarayan Temple in Gujarat. Information regarding Pakistan sponsored terrorism and the existing terrorist infrastructure, in Pakistan and Pakistan controlled territories, for support to terrorism is appropriately shared with other countries as a part of the global effort against international terrorism. Pakistan's continued involvement with and support for cross border terrorism is widely recognised and most countries have called upon Pakistan to fulfil its commitment to end cross border infiltration and terrorism.

(c)The international community has shown increasing understanding of India's position that terrorism must be eradicated wherever it may exist, that there can be no justification for terrorism and the battle against terrorism would have to be global and comprehensive to succeed.