

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL TERRORISM  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the United States have praised India's commitment in fighting terrorism globally;
- (b) whether the Ambassador Cofer Black, a co-ordinator, for counter-terrorism presented the State Department's 2002 report on pattern of Global Terrorism;
- (c) if so, the details of the main points mentioned in the report;
- (d) whether the Government have examined these recommendations; and
- (e) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The international community, including the United States, recognises that India is one of the main targets of terrorism and has shown unwavering commitment to fighting international terrorism.
- (b) Yes. The U.S. State Department's annual report for 2002 on Patterns of Global Terrorism was presented in April 2003.
- (c) The report presents U.S. assessment of international terrorism in 2002, the progress made in combating it, its cooperation with other countries in this process, and the action that it has taken against terrorist organisations and their members under U.S. domestic laws and the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.
- (d) Government has seen the report.
- (e) Government has noted that the report recognises that the extremist violence in Jammu and Kashmir is fuelled by infiltration across the Line of Control. Besides retaining the designation of groups such as Lashkar-e-Toiba, Harkat-ul Mujahideen and Jaish-e-Mohammed as terrorist organisations, the United States has, in the 2002 report, added others, such as Al Badr Mujahideen, Hizb-ul Mujahideen and Jamiat ul-Mujahideen, to its lists of terrorist organisations.