

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-FRENCH COOPERATION ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and France to evolve comprehensive, strong and global consensus against international terrorism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said agreement is likely to come into force?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a),(b)&(c) No, Sir. No specific agreement has been signed with France to combat international terrorism. Both countries have, however, agreed to cooperate with each other to evolve a global consensus against international terrorism. France supports India's draft for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. The India-EU Summit Joint Declaration, issued in Lisbon on 28 June 2000, also commits both sides to the further strengthening of cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism.