

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have signed any agreement/memorandum with Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh to start joint action against terrorist activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have entered into an agreement with Nepal as well; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which these agreements would help in effectively combating terrorism?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. We have not signed any agreement/memorandum with Bhutan, Myanmar and Bangladesh and Nepal to start joint action against terrorist activities. However, our concerns regarding activities of terrorists and insurgents are discussed in bilateral forums with all these countries. We encourage them to cooperate with us in combating these activities.