

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TERRORIST CAMPS IN PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the wake of fight against terrorism by the US, India has also provided a list of terrorist camps operating from Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any protests have been lodged with Pakistan after the terrorist attack on the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) the reaction of Pakistan thereto;
- (f) whether any fresh proposal has been received from Pakistan President to demilitarize some towns of J&K to end cross-border terrorism; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) - (b) Government have, from time to time, handed over to Pakistan information about terrorist activities emanating from Pakistan.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) - (e) Does not arise.
- (f) President Musharraf, in an interview on CNN-IBN on 5th January 2006, has proposed, inter alia, demilitarization of three towns, Srinagar, Baramulla and Kupwara, in Jammu & Kashmir.
- (g) Any demilitarization or redeployment of security forces within the territory of India is a sovereign decision of the Government of India and cannot be dictated by any foreign government. Such decisions are based on our assessment of the security situation prevailing in any particular part of the country. As long as the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and indeed in other parts of the country is adversely affected by the phenomenon of cross-border terrorism and violence perpetrated by Pakistan-based terrorist groups, the Government of India will fulfill its responsibility to safeguard the lives and security of its citizens.