

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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L- e- T TRAINING TO WOMEN MILITANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any information regarding Lashkar-e-Taiba (L-e-T) imparting training to women militants as reported in the Times of India dated April 6, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISW AL)

(a) & (b): Available reports suggest that LeT is running training camp(s) in Pakistan/Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) for imparting arms training to its women cadre.

(c) to (d): The continued involvement of Pak/Pak based terrorist outfits like Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) etc. in terrorist violence in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India by using and leveraging the existing infrastructure of terror in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) and other parts of Pakistan has been taken up with Pakistan in the bilateral mechanisms established for this purpose. The Government has been pursuing a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activist and extends support to the States in neutralizing such terrorist activities. The Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and equipment of security forces both at the Centre and in the States, undertaking well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral and multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.