

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3127

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COLLABORATION WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES TO STOP TERRORISM

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has collaborated with neighbouring countries to stop terrorism, and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes. India has established bilateral Joint Working Groups and other mechanisms with several neighbouring countries to combat terrorism. The SAARC countries have signed a Regional Convention and an Additional Protocol on Suppression of Terrorism. The BIMSTEC countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand) have set up a Joint Working Group against terrorism with focus on information sharing, capacity building and inter-agency cooperation.