

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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STATEMENT ON KASHMIR ISSUE  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the statement of Parliamentary Secretary for Defence of Pakistan in which he has spoken about solving the Kashmir issue through Jihad; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)&(b) Government are aware of the press reports on a statement by Pakistan Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Major (Retd.) Sayed Tanvir Hussain in the National Assembly of Pakistan during a debate on Pakistan's Foreign Policy advocating jihad for the "freedom" of Kashmir. The Indian High Commission in Islamabad has protested to the Government of Pakistan at this gratuitous attack on India.