

(d) The matter has been taken up with the Australian Government at the highest level. It has been conveyed to them that such attacks should not be allowed to happen and that it is the responsibility of the police authorities in particular to ensure the well-being and security of our students in Australia. A brief on steps taken by the Government is given in the Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ No. 25 Pt (e) and (f).

Dialogue with Pakistan in Russian visit

†32. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister had a dialogue with President of Pakistan during his recent visit to Russia;
- (b) if so, the details of subject of dialogue and progress made thereof;
- (c) whether Government has objected to lax attitude of Pakistan towards terrorism;
- (d) if so, the details of Pakistan's reaction; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by Government to counter Pakistan sponsored terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) Prime Minister met the President of Pakistan Mr. Asif Ali Zardari on the sidelines of the SCO-BRIC summit in Yekaterinburg on 16th June, 2009.

(b) to (e) There was a detailed discussion on India-Pakistan relations. Prime Minister emphatically conveyed to President Zardari India's expectation that the Government of Pakistan will honour its commitments to take strong and effective action to prevent the use of Pakistani territory for terrorist attacks on India. Pakistan was specifically asked to act against perpetrators of terror attacks on India and to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism in Pakistan. The Pakistan President explained to Prime Minister some of the efforts made by Pakistan to deal with the matter and the problems faced by them in this regard. It was agreed that the issue of terrorism which is the primary issue to be addressed would be discussed by the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries before the leaders of India and Pakistan met on the sidelines of the NAM summit at Sharm-el- Sheikh, Egypt in mid-July, 2009.

Irrigation projects

33. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Irrigation component of Bharat Nirman envisaged creation of irrigation potential of 10 million hectare through irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the achievements made so far; and

(c) the reasons for shortfall in achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total irrigation potential created as reported by States during the first three years *i.e.* from 2005-06 to 2007-08 is 5.32 million hectare (Mha). Complete information about creation of irrigation potential during the year 2008-09 have not been received from all the States. The created irrigation potential as reported by States during 2008-09 is 0.91 Mha.

(c) Against the overall target of creating irrigation potential of 7.15 Mha during the first three years, creation of irrigation potential of about 74.4% of the target has been achieved. There has been shortfall in creation of irrigation potential in respect of major and medium irrigation project, ground water scheme as well as the scheme for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies. However the major shortfall is in respect of target for creation of irrigation potential through repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies. Which is primarily due to delay in approval of the scheme. The scheme for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies has been approved in 2008-09.

Training camps in Pakistan

34. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the recent revelations there are 42 terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK) directing against India;

(b) if so, whether Government has raised this issue with Pakistan and USA;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government is aware that only those terror camps in Pakistan are busted which are directed against USA while camps directed against India are still operating; and

(e) if so, whether Government would take up the matter at international level and also at Non-Align Movement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) Yes. There is an infrastructure of terrorism within territories under the control of Pakistan.

(b) to (e) India has consistently emphasised to Pakistan the need to implement its solemn commitments of 06 January, 2004 and 24 September, 2008 made at the highest level that it will