

resolutions should not be construed as our endorsement of the referrals to the United Nations Security Council and the International Criminal Court as recommended in the Goldstone Report.

Pakistan's semi-official terror groups

2515. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan's semi-official terror groups have increased their targeting of Indian citizens and Indian interests in Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the terror group is being financed by ISI for such activities; and
- (d) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (d) Government is aware of reports that terrorist groups carrying out attacks in Afghanistan receive support and sanctuary beyond Afghanistan's borders. Government continuously evaluates all developments in the region that impact India's security. Government is vigilant with regard to all threats to India's security and takes necessary measures to counter such threats.

India's concerns related to terrorism emanating from territory under Pakistan's control have been consistently conveyed to Pakistan. India has also called upon Pakistan to fulfil, in letter and spirit, the solemn commitment given by leaders of Pakistan of not allowing its soil for terrorist activities directed against India in any manner.

Discussion on China and Afghanistan with US President

†2516. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the problems of India related to Afghanistan, China and Pakistan that were discussed or mentioned during the visit of American President; and
- (b) the extent to which our expectations are fulfilled regarding subjects like outsourcing, technology transfer and nuclear treaty related to America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) The visit of United States President Barack Obama from 6-9 November, 2010 was successful in strengthening mutual understanding between India and the United States on regional and global issues; accelerating the momentum of India-US bilateral cooperation; and, creating a long-term framework to elevate the India-US strategic partnership to a new level.

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