

### **Terrorists trained in Pakistan**

†3298. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former President of Pakistan Shri Parvez Musharraf has accepted that terrorists were trained in Pakistan and sent to India during his governance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that present Pakistani Government is also following the same policy;

(c) if so, the actions taken by the Indian Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (d) Government has been media reports on General Musharraf's statement that Pakistan trained militant underground groups to fight against India in Kashmir. These reports only confirm the veracity of what India has been repeatedly saying over the years. This is precisely why India has sought a firm and abiding commitment from Pakistan that it will not allow its territory and territory under its control to be used for the aiding and abetting of terrorist activity directed against India and for providing sanctuary to such terrorist groups. India has consistently stressed to its interlocutors the need for Pakistan to honour its commitment of not allowing territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner.

### **Declaring Pakistan as a terrorist State**

3299. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider to declare Pakistan a terrorist State in view of its involvement in terror activities against India;

(b) whether Government is of the view that talks and terror can't go together in regard to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) to (c) There are no well defined or internationally accepted criteria to designate a country or an organization as 'terrorist'. However, due to Government's strong and purposive international engagement, the international community recognizes Pakistan's links with cross-border terrorism in India and the responsibility and the commitment of the Government of Pakistan to put an end to it. It is Government's consistently expressed

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