

### **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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position that it is necessary to have an environment free of terror or threat of terror and for Pakistan to abandon the use of terrorism as an instrument of policy if relations between the two countries are to move forward concretely and meaningfully.

#### **Position of Arunachal Pradesh in Chinese mapping service**

3300. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to China's assertion over Arunachal Pradesh being its part through its outline mapping service "Mapworld";

(b) whether Government has raised this issue with China at any level;

(c) the number of people from Arunachal Pradesh who travelled to China in the past one year;

(d) whether this number is significantly more than the last year;

(e) whether no visa was issued to the said travellers; and

(f) if so, the time since China has not been issuing visas to people of Arunachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) and (b) China disputes the international boundary between India and China and illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side. The two countries have appointed Special Representatives to explore from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship the framework for a boundary settlement. There have been fourteen meetings of the Special Representatives till date.

(c) to (f) India's consistent position that there should be no discrimination against visa applicants of Indian nationality on grounds of domicile and ethnicity has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side. Government does not maintain state-wise data of passengers who visited China.

#### **Handing over control of PoK region to China**

3301. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Pakistan is handing over the *de facto* control of the strategic Gilgit-Baltistan region in the north-west corner of disputed Kashmir to China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;