

Mumbai terror attack, as revealed by David Coleman Headley, visited New Delhi in 2005 on the pretext of watching India-Pakistan cricket match.

(b) to (d) Government continues to take steps to enhance and facilitate contacts between peoples of the two countries who lie at the heart of the bilateral relationship, including promotion of sporting ties. However terrorism against India emanating from Pakistan and territory under its control remains a core concern for us. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Indians stranded in US due to Hurricane

21. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians have been stranded in United States because of the havoc caused by Hurricane Sandy in east coast of the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken up the matter with the U.S. Administration to protect the Indians stranded due to havoc caused by Hurricane Sandy there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (d) A large number of travellers, including Indians, were briefly stranded in the United States due to Superstorm Sandy, which struck the East Coast of the United States on 29-30 October, 2012 causing cancellation of flights and damage to other transportation systems. The Embassy of India in Washington and the Consulate General of India in New York set up emergency numbers to help Indian nationals affected by the natural disaster. The Embassy and the Consulate provided necessary assistance to stranded Indians in booking of flights/trains as well as alternate modes of travel. Normal transportation services have since resumed in the East Coast of the United States.

Raising of Kashmir issue by Pakistan

22. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has recently once again raised the Kashmir issue at various international fora including United Nations (UNs);