

Delay in Mumbai terror attack case

3874. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has expressed its unhappiness over the prolonged delay of trial in Pakistan in Mumbai terror attack case, if so, the response received by Government from Pakistan; and

(b) whether Pakistan has also expressed concern over the delay in the Samjhauta Express bombing case in which 68 people were killed, most of them Pakistanis, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) Government has repeatedly conveyed its concerns to the Pakistan leadership, including during the recent meeting of Prime Minister with the Prime Minister of Pakistan on May 27, 2014 in New Delhi, that despite assurances received at the highest levels in Pakistan the ongoing trial in Pakistan against some of the accused persons involved in the Mumbai terror attacks has been progressing at a slow pace. The need to expeditiously bring all those persons responsible for this heinous crime to justice has also been repeatedly underlined.

Pakistan has been raising the issue of India's investigation into the 2007 Samjhauta Express bomb blast case where both Indian and Pakistani citizens were killed causing huge loss of public property. Pakistan invariably raises the issue when the issue of delay in the Mumbai attack case is raised with them.

Indian delegation visit to Nepal

3875. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of Indian delegation visit to Nepal; and

(b) the proposals and agreements signed in the bilateral talk, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH]: (a) and (b) External Affairs Minister led an inter-ministerial delegation on an official visit to Nepal from 25-27 July, 2014 at the invitation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal. During her stay in Kathmandu, she paid courtesy calls on The Rt. Hon'ble Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, President of Nepal, The Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Sushil Koirala, Prime Minister and The Rt. Hon'ble Mr.