

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any assurance has been given by External Affairs Minister of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Government have made it clear to Pakistan that to take forward and sustain the dialogue process, violence, terrorism and hostility must be prevented.

In the Joint Press Statement of January 6, 2004, President Musharraf reassured the Prime Minister of India that he will not permit any territory under Pakistan's control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.

The Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan were held in New Delhi on June 27-28, 2004. Recalling the reassurance contained in the Joint Press Statement of January 6, 2004 the two Foreign Secretaries exchanged views on carrying the process forward in an atmosphere free from terrorism and violence.

Militants Training Camps

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

(a) whether it is a fact that ULFA and other North Eastern militants training camps uprooted in Bhutan have approached China/Bangladesh for shelter;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to dissuade China/Bangladesh for providing shelters to these militant groups; and

(d) China's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) There have been reports in the media that ULFA, KLO and other North Eastern militant groups have sought shelter in Bangladesh and China following the counter insurgency operations launched by the Royal Bhutan Army.

(c) This was brought to the attention of the Embassy of People's Republic of China in New Delhi with a request to the Government of People's Republic of China to take appropriate action. The matter was also raised with Bangladesh during the DG level BSF BDR talks in January, 2004. The cooperation of the Bangladesh authorities was sought

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in apprehending the militants fleeing Bhutan. The Bangladesh Government has conveyed that they had sealed the border following the Bhutanese operation.

(d) Embassy of People's Republic of China in New Delhi has conveyed that the Chinese Government attaches great importance to the development of its friendly and cooperative relations with India; that China has always followed the policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries and will not allow its territory to be used by anybody for activities against other countries. The Chinese side has also said that it had taken note of the concern of the Indian side and would closely monitor the development of the situation and keep in touch with the Indian authorities on this matter.

Talks on Baghlihar dam

429. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during Secretary level talks with Pakistan in June 2004, Government have decided to hold meeting of respective Secretaries of Water Resources Ministries on the contentions Baghlihar dam on the Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether the number of Secretary level talks on Kashmir peace and security in which this and other issues have been discussed;

(c) the progress made so far;

(d) whether any concrete proposals were made in these meetings; and

(e) the outcome of these talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) A Pakistani delegation, led by their Secretary, Water and Power, visited India on June 21 -22, 2004 for discussions with the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources of India. The two Secretaries discussed ways and means to resolve technical concerns relating to the Baghlihar Hydroelectric Project in Jammu and Kashmir, and shared their assessments on this issue. Both sides agreed to report back to their respective Governments.