

Pakistan's reaction over violence in Jammu and Kashmir

2816. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has attacked on India over the violence in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan accused India of using excessive and unlawful force against civilians in the State to quell protest over the killing of terrorist; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) to (c) In the wake of the death of Hizbul Mujahedeen Commander Burhan Wani, a terrorist with a prize on his head, in an encounter on July 8, 2016, senior functionaries of Government of Pakistan briefed in Islamabad envoys of several prominent countries and international organisations such as European Union, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). They have also apparently addressed letters to United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, the President of the UN Security Council, the Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights urging the international community to address the alleged human rights violations during protests in Jammu and Kashmir since July 8. Protests/demonstrations have been organised by Pakistani diaspora/NGOs in several capitals, in many cases with active support from Government of Pakistan. Moreover, statements by Pakistan's leaders and protests in Pakistan led by Jamaat-ud-Dawa/Lashkar-e-Taiba leaders glorifying terrorists reconfirm Pakistan's continued support to cross-border terrorism and infiltration aimed at India.

Government has completely and unequivocally rejected in entirety all such actions and statements by Pakistan. It has called on Pakistan to stop interfering in India's internal affairs and attempting to destabilise the situation in South Asia through support to terrorism and other subversive acts. Diplomatic Missions of India abroad have presented the correct picture to their interlocutors conveying facts about Burhan Wani, his glorification by United Nations-proscribed terrorists in Pakistan, their attempts to incite violence in Jammu and Kashmir and active support of Pakistan Government to such efforts.