

Continued cross-border terrorism remains a core concern for us. India has repeatedly called upon Pakistan to abide by its commitment not to allow any territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. Pakistan has also been asked to take effective actions to end terrorism and dismantle terrorist infrastructure on the territory under its control. Till then, India will continue to take firm and decisive steps to respond to cross-border terrorism.

Doklam border dispute

†2251. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Doklam border dispute has been resolved;
- (b) if so, the manner in which it has been resolved;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is a fact that China has continued the work of construction of roads even after the withdrawal of army from the border; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stop it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD) V. K. SINGH]: (a) to (e) The face-off between the Indian and Chinese border personnel in Doklam area of Bhutan started when the Chinese side tried to alter the status quo by building a road in the area in violation of its existing understandings both with Bhutan and India. On the basis of persistent diplomatic communications, the disengagement of Indian and Chinese border personnel in the Doklam area was accomplished on 28 August, 2017. This also addressed India's concerns about China's road construction activity in the area.

Since the disengagement of Indian and Chinese border personnel in the Doklam area on 28 August, 2017, there have been no new developments at the face-off site and its vicinity. The *status quo* prevails in this area.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Trilateral highway

2252. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral highway;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.