

Pak failure to stop terrorism

†1986. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that President of Pakistan has categorically stated during the visit to his country by the leaders from abroad and during his own visit to foreign countries, that he cannot stop terrorism going on in Jammu and Kashmir, completely;

(b) if so, whether it would adversely affect the peace talk to be held between the two countries; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Contrary to facts, the President of Pakistan, General Musharraf, has from time to time claimed *inter alia* that nothing was happening across the Line of Control, Pakistan had done all it could, or suggested that Pakistani State or agencies were not behind the terrorists acting against India.

(b) and (c) President Musharraf's comments are clearly unhelpful in the context of Prime Minister's initiative to establish trust and confidence in India-Pakistan relations.

Government have made it clear that creation of conducive atmosphere for a sustained dialogue necessarily required an end to cross border terrorism and dismantling of the infrastructure of support to terrorism in Pakistan.

Vacant posts in Indian Embassies

1987. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts are lying vacant in different Indian embassies in various countries;

(b) if so, the vacancy position, post-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up these posts?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.