GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OFEXTERNAL AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA QUESTION NO19.11.2009

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ANSWERED ON COOPERATION TO DEAL WITH TALIBAN .

Shri Rajkumar Dhoot

Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Honourable Prime Minister met President of Pakistan on 16th-17th June, 2009 wherein the latter sought former's cooperation to deal with Taliban's threat to both the countries;
- (b)If so, details thereof;

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- (c) Whether any progress has been made in this regard; and
- (d)If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) Prime Minister met the President of Pakistan Mr. Asif Ali Zardari on the sidelines of the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Yekaterinburg on June 16, 2009. There was a detailed discussion on India-Pakistan relations. Prime Minister emphatically conveyed to President Zardari India's expectation that the Government of Pakistan will honour its commitments to take strong and effective action to prevent the use of Pakistani territory for terrorist attacks on India. Pakistan was specifically asked to act against perpetrators of terror attacks on India and to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism in Pakistan. The President of Pakistan explained to Prime Minister some of the efforts made by Pakistan to deal with the matter and the problems faced by them in this regard.