GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2169

ANSWERED ON- 07/08/2025

SCO FINAL STATEMENT

#2169: SHRI GOLLA BABURAO

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the main purpose of Shanghai Cooperation Organistion (SCO) is to deal with terrorism;
- (b) if so, Government's response to the SCO final statement;
- (c) the reasons that Pahalgam terror attack has not been included in the statement while train hijacking of Balochistan was mentioned in the statement as terrorist act;
- (d) whether India is not a part of the draft preparation;
- (e) how could Pakistan succeed to mention Balochistan train hijack and India failed to mention Pahalgam; and
- (f) whether the final statement was released by SCO and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) The main goals and tasks of SCO are outlined in Article 1 of its Charter titled 'Goals and Tasks'. One of the main goals is "joint combating terrorism, separatism and extremism in all their manifestations, fighting against illicit narcotics and arms trafficking and other types of transnational criminal activity, and also illegal migration".
- (b) to (f) No such 'Final Statement' has been agreed upon and issued by the SCO.
