

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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DIPLOMATIC MEASURES REGARDING INDIA-PAKISTAN HYPHENATION

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

- (a) the manner in which Government has countered claims of India-Pakistan hyphenation in global diplomacy;
- (b) the diplomatic measures taken by Government to address China's growing influence over Pakistan in terms of intelligence and military cooperation; and
- (c) the manner in which Government plans to strengthen India's foreign policy narrative in 2025-2026?

ANSWER

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

(a to c) The Government of India has made it clear that the perpetrator of terrorism, i.e., Pakistan, cannot be equated with the victim of cross-border terrorism, i.e., India. This unequivocal message was consistently reiterated during interactions with interlocutors in the aftermath of Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. The seven all-party delegations, which visited various global capitals in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, also emphatically conveyed the above message while demonstrating India's strong national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The issue of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism, was taken up with the Chinese Foreign Minister during his recent visit to India. The global community widely acknowledges India's robust democracy, economic progress, military might, technological prowess, civilisational heritage, and its contribution in addressing global issues. The Government's engagement with various stakeholders, including think tanks and academic and research institutions, serves to highlight India's foreign policy achievements and priorities. Government undertakes a series of targeted public diplomacy initiatives to carry forward India's message to the world and continues to make all endeavours to further strengthen India's voice in the global affairs. It also constantly monitors all developments having a bearing on India's security and national interest and takes all required steps in this regard.
