GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-550 ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2025

PAKISTAN'S APPOINTMENT ON UNSC PANEL

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

- (a) whether Pakistan has been appointed as Vice- Chair of United Nations Security Council's Panel against terrorism recently after Operation Sundoor;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry had taken efforts to alienate Pakistan on World Forum;
- (c) if so, the reasons for diplomatic failures of the Ministry in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for inaction by the Ministry?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) As part of the UN Security Council's routine annual process, the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of its subsidiary bodies and Committees are selected from amongst its permanent and elected non-permanent members. In addition to Russia and France, Pakistan has been selected as one of the Vice-Chairs of the UN Counter Terrorism Committee for 2025.

It may be noted that India was the Chair of the UN Counter Terrorism Committee in 2022. Similarly, India was also the Chair of the same Committee during its 2011-12 term.

The Government of India has been sensitising all concerned interlocutors on the menace of cross-border terrorism emanating from Pakistan. Due to India's persistent efforts, the global community has a greater understanding of India's concerns on cross-border terrorism.

India's efforts over the years have led to listing of several Pakistan-based terrorists and terrorist entities under the UNSC 1267 Sanctions Committee and the FATF grey listing of Pakistan. The UNSC Press Statement in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack also strongly condemned the terror attack and acknowledged the need to hold the perpetrators, organizers, sponsors and financiers of the attack accountable. Several world leaders have recognised and supported India's actions to combat terrorism following the Pahalgam terror attack. Most recently, the United States has designated The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Pakistan-based terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO) and a Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT).
