

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-566**  
ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2025

**INDIA-CANADA TALKS ON KHALISTANI EXTREMISM**

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated any dialogue with the newly formed Government of Canada regarding the prevention of Khalistani extremist activities on Canadian soil and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has received any assurance or commitment from the new Government of Canada towards addressing India's concerns about Khalistani activities being operated from Canadian territory; and
- (c) the measures being planned or undertaken by Government, in collaboration with the new Canadian administration, to counter terrorism and separatist financing originating from Canadian soil?

**ANSWER**

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

(a to c) On 17 June 2025, Prime Minister held a bilateral meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Kananaskis, Canada. The leaders reaffirmed that India-Canada ties are based on shared democratic values, respect for the rule of law, and commitment to upholding the principles of sovereignty and territorial integrity. They also underlined the need to pursue a constructive and balanced partnership grounded in respect for mutual concerns and sensitivities. Both sides have underscored the importance of restarting senior ministerial as well as working-level engagements across various domains to rebuild trust and bring momentum to the relationship. This includes existing dialogue mechanisms that allow for discussing all issues of concern including on security-related matters.

On 18 June 2025, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) in its 2024 annual report for the very first time confirmed that Khalistani extremists are using Canadian soil as a base to promote, fundraise, and plan violent activities, primarily targeting India. The report mentions that, "Since the mid-1980s, the Politically Motivated Violent Extremism (PMVE) threat in Canada has manifested primarily through Canada-based Khalistani Extremists (CBKEs) seeking to use and support violent means to create an independent nation state called Khalistan, largely within Punjab, India." The report also mentions that the ongoing involvement in violent activities by CBKEs continues to pose a national security threat to Canada and Canadian interests. The report vindicates India's concerns about Canada being used as a safe haven by anti-India separatist elements.

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