

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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EXCLUSION OF PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK FROM SCO DECLARATION

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

- (a) the list of the member countries which rejected India's proposal to mention the April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack in the recently held Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting held at Qingdao;
- (b) out of those countries the names of the countries which were visited by a special all-party delegation after Operation Sindoor and the diplomatic implication of the anti-humanitarian intentions of those countries, the details thereof; and
- (c) the major diplomatic efforts made by India to include anti-terrorism incidents that occurred on its soil in the declarations of international/multinational forums?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) The recently held Meeting of SCO Defence Ministers in Qingdao did not have any agreed outcome document in the absence of consensus among the Member States.

Russia was one of the SCO Member States visited by the all-party Parliamentary delegation in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

India continues to sensitise the global community on the menace of cross-border terrorism. Due to consistent efforts of the Government, the condemnation of the Pahalgam terror attack was reflected in outcome documents at various multilateral fora, including the UNSC Press Statement of 25 April 2025, the Joint Statement of QUAD Foreign Ministers Meeting on 1 July 2025, the BRICS Leaders Summit Declaration on 6 July 2025, and the 4th India-Central Asia Foreign Ministers' Dialogue on 6 June 2025.

In addition, the US State Department 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).
