

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3241
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2017**

ANTI-INDIA ACTIVITIES FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

3241. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many neighbouring countries of India have assured that they will not allow any anti India activity on their soil;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there were reports that some insurgent groups were using neighbouring countries for such activities; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

(a) to (d) Information is placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

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S. No	Name of the country	Whether many neighbouring countries of India have assured that they will not allow any anti India activity on their soil; (a)	if so, the details thereof; (b)	whether there were reports that some insurgent groups were using neighbouring countries for such activities; (c)	if so, the details thereof? (d)
1	Bangladesh	The Government of Bangladesh has stated that it will not allow any anti-India activities on its soil and has followed zero tolerance policy to extremist and terrorist elements in Bangladesh.		Bangladesh has denied presence of any insurgent groups against India in Bangladesh.	
2	Bhutan	The Royal Government of Bhutan has conveyed that Bhutan will not allow its territory to be used for anti-India activities		Reports have appeared from time to time regarding the presence of some Indian insurgent groups along the India – Bhutan border. However, Bhutanese Government has denied the presence of any Indian insurgent groups on Bhutanese soil. Both countries maintain close cooperation and ongoing dialogue regarding security issues and border management at various levels.	
3	China	On various occasions, the Government of China has conveyed that they do not support armed groups that are against India. China has also often expressed its concerns on spread of terrorism and its desire to cooperate with India on this issue. China has stated its resolute opposition to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations with ‘zero tolerance’, and has agreed that there is no justification for terrorism. Government has been working with China to enhance cooperation on counter-terrorism and law-enforcement related matters. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India’s security and takes necessary measures to safeguard it.			
4	Myanmar	Government of Myanmar has assured that its territory would not be allowed to be used for activities inimical to India.		Security related issues, including alleged presence of Indian Insurgent Groups in Myanmar, are regularly taken up with Government of Myanmar.	

5	Nepal	The Nepalese side has conveyed its resolve not to allow its territory to be misused for activities directed against India. The joint statement issued during the state visit of Nepalese Prime Minister Shri Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' to India in September 2016 noted that "the two sides committed that they will not allow their territory to be used against each other".	Although there are occasional reports about misuse of the open border between India and Nepal by some unscrupulous elements for smuggling contraband items, fake currency and other criminal activities, both sides cooperate closely to counter such activities and a comprehensive institutional framework has been established to curb such activities.	
6	Pakistan	<p>On 6 January 2004, during the 12th SAARC Summit in Islamabad, Pakistan President told Prime Minister that Pakistan would not permit any territory under its control to be used to support terrorism in any manner.</p> <p>On 24 September 2008, during the 63rd UN General Assembly session in New York, Pakistan President told Prime Minister that the Government of Pakistan stands by its commitment of January 6, 2004.</p>	Notwithstanding the assurances given at the highest level by Pakistan, we have been repeatedly and severely hit by terrorist attacks emanating from Pakistan.	<p>Several such terrorist attacks in India, including Jammu and Kashmir are perpetrated by infiltrators from Pakistan or PoK, benefitting from terrorist infrastructure existing there.</p> <p>Recently there has been a rise in such attacks, including on Pathankot Airbase (2-4 January 2016), Pampore (20-21 February 2016), Uri (18 September 2016), Handwara (6 October 2016) and Nagrota (29 November 2016).</p>
7	Sri Lanka	India and Sri Lanka share a strong and multi-faceted relationship, and cooperate closely on various issues, including security aspects. Government of Sri Lanka has conveyed on numerous occasions that it is cognizant of India's security concerns and would not do anything against the security interests of India		
