GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2686 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2019

KASHMIR CELLS

2686. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

SHRI P. V. MIDHUN REDDY:

SHRI SRIDHAR KOTAGIRI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has opened 'Kashmir Cells' in its Embassies and High Commissions across the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these Kashmir Cells incites the local population to act against India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether India has urged the respective countries to take action against these cells; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (f) On 17 August 2019, Pakistan Foreign Minister announced a decision to establish 'Kashmir cell/desks' in Pakistan's Foreign Office and Missions abroad.

The main objective of these cells/desks is to incite local populations and to radicalise them through false propaganda.

Government has urged other countries to realise the dangers posed by the socalled 'Kashmir cells' which openly incite violence and to take appropriate action against such "cells" operating from their soil.