Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian assets in Afghanistan have been targeted by the Haqqani group, a major Taliban faction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of India has formulated any comprehensive policy regarding the post-US era in Afghanistan and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government receives, from time to time, various inputs related to possible threats posed by anti-India terrorist elements to Indian assets in Afghanistan. In close cooperation with the Afghan authorities, the Government takes all necessary measures to ensure the safety and security of Indian assets and its nationals working in Afghanistan and to safeguard our national interest.

As a contiguous neighbour, India supports the Government and people of Afghanistan in realising their aspirations for a peaceful, democratic and prosperous future where the interest of all sections of Afghan society including women, children and minorities are protected.

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