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QUESTION NO.†1926 INCLUSION OF HAFIZ SAEED IN LIST OF **TERRORISTS BY USA**

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INCLUSION OF HAFIZ SAEED IN LIST OF TERRORISTS BY USA

†1926. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the USA has not included the name of Pakistani terrorist Hafiz Saeed in the list of terrorists despite making promise of support to India in fight against terrorism;
- (b) if so, whether India will again exert pressure on the USA; and
- (c) if not, whether the USA continues to be a strong partner of India in fight against terrorism?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI M. J. AKBAR]

(a) & (b) No. Hafiz Saeed, leader of terrorist organization Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT), was designated as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist by the United States under Executive Order 13224 in the year 2008 and he continues to remain designated. Since 2012, the United States has offered a US\$10 million reward for information that brings Hafiz Saeed to justice.

The United States designated LeT and Jamaat-ud-Dawa as Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) in December 2001 and April 2008 respectively.

In a statement issued on 25 November 2017, the White House strongly condemned the release of Hafiz Saeed from house arrest in Pakistan and called for his immediate re-arrest and prosecution. The US Department of State also, in a statement issued on 24 November 2017, expressed deep concern over the release of Hafiz Saeed.

(c) India and the United States remain strong partners in the fight against terrorism. During Prime Minister's visit to USA in June 2017, both sides reiterated their resolve to fight together against terrorism. They committed to strengthen cooperation against terrorist threats from groups including Al-Qa'ida, ISIS, Jaish-e-Mohammad, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, D-Company, and their affiliates. A new bilateral consultation mechanism has been established on domestic and international terrorist designations listing proposals, which held its first meeting in New Delhi on 18-19 December 2017. Recently, the United States has designated Syed Salahuddin, the leader of Hizbul Mujahideen, as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist and Hizbul Mujahideen as a Foreign Terrorist Organization in June 2017 and August 2017 respectively.



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