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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

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

- (a) whether India has shown its willingness to help establish a Government in Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the trade in narcotics coupled with acts of terrorism is causing much concern to USA and Russia who are becoming victims of Taliban`s activities;
- (d) if so, whether all these countries are looking forward to India for guidance to fight terrorism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a - b) India recognises and supports the Government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani as the legitimate Government of Afghanistan.

(c to e) The international community is deeply concerned at the Taliban`s extremist and violent ideologies and their nexus with international terrorism. The Taliban have strong ties with Pakistani terrorist groups and Pakistan`s state apparatus which is promoting cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. The open sympathy shown by the Taliban to the hijackers of IC-814 is also a matter of record. The establishment of the Indo-Russian Joint Working Group on Afghanistan and the Indo-US Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism are manifestations of the determination of the international community to combat international terrorism.