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Pakistan investigating Pathankot terrorist attack

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has reportedly made no headway in its investigation in the Pathankot terrorist attack and have now sought more evidence from India to move forward and, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) Government's reaction in this regard therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) & (b) The Government of Pakistan stated in January 2016 that the specific and actionable information provided by India on the involvement of terrorist groups and individuals in Pakistan in the Pathankot attack was being investigated. After Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif chaired high-level meetings involving senior Cabinet Ministers and top civilian, Army and intelligence leadership, the Government of Pakistan stated in a press release on 13 January that based on initial investigation in Pakistan and the information provided (by India), several individuals belonging to Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) – implicated in the Pathankot attack – were apprehended and offices of the organization were also being traced and sealed. It also mentioned that the Government of Pakistan would send a Special Investigation Team (SIT), in consultation with Government of India. Government has conveyed to Pakistan that it awaits the visit of SIT and has also sought details such as its composition and itinerary. An FIR has been filed in the matter on 18 February 2016 in Gujranwala, Pakistan against unknown persons.