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Pakistan sending envoys to world capitals on Kashmir issue

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan Government has sent twenty-two special envoys to world capitals to talk on Kashmir issue; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to counter Pakistani move?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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- (a) According to Pakistan media sources, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan designated 22 ‘special envoys’ to ‘apprise the world about the brutalities and human rights abuses committed by Indian forces in Jammu & Kashmir’. These special envoys visited Belgium, China, France, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the UK, the US and the UN (separately to New York and Geneva).
- (b) The Government at a high level briefed our interlocutors in the concerned countries, including in the member states of Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), about Pakistan’s role in aiding and abetting terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and stressed that Pakistan’s policy of glorying anti-India terrorists and supporting cross-border terrorism had negatively affected peace and stability in the entire region. Efforts of these envoys do not seem to have gained much traction.