

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
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Pakistan providing safe haven to terrorists

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UK Government's failure to condemn Pakistan for providing safe haven for terrorists is disappointing;
- (b) whether as a long standing strategic ally the UK Government should be standing shoulder to shoulder with India;
- (c) whether soft peddling by the UK is letting down the victims of terror; and
- (d) if so, whether Government raised this issue during the visit of Prime Minister of UK to India?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) India and the UK share a comprehensive strategic partnership. UK has repeatedly reiterated its strong commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. During the recent visit of UK PM Theresa May to India in November 2016, the two Prime Ministers agreed to further enhance security cooperation including counter terrorism. This was reflected in the Joint Statement issued during the visit. The two leaders reiterated their strong commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and stressed that there can be no justification for acts of terror on any grounds whatsoever – agreeing that there should be zero tolerance on terrorism. They affirmed that the fight against terrorism should not only seek to disrupt and bring to justice terrorists, terror organisations and networks, but should also identify, hold accountable and take strong measures against all those who encourage, support and finance terrorism, provide sanctuary to terrorists and terror groups, and falsely extol their virtues. They agreed that there should be no glorification of terrorists or efforts to make a distinction between good and bad terrorists. UK reiterated its call for Pakistan to bring the perpetrators of the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai and 2016 Pathankot attack to justice. PM May strongly condemned the terror attack in Uri and affirmed that UK stands shoulder to shoulder with India in defeating terrorism.