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RAJYA SABHA
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Change in policy towards Pakistan

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- (a) whether it is a fact that our diplomatic efforts have brought no change in Pakistan attitude;
- (b) if so, whether Government has any plan to change our foreign policy toward Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (d) The Government has clear and consistent position that it desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan, and is committed to addressing all outstanding issues bilaterally and peacefully in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore declaration. However, any meaningful dialogue can be held only in an atmosphere free of terror, hostility and violence. Onus is on Pakistan to create such a conducive atmosphere.

Continued cross-border terrorism remains a core concern for us. India has repeatedly called upon Pakistan to abide by its commitment not to allow any territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. Pakistan has also been asked to take effective actions to end terrorism and dismantle terrorist infrastructure on the territory under its control. Till then, India will continue to take firm and decisive steps to respond to cross-border terrorism.