

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1897

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD AUGUST, 2016/ SRAVANA 12, 1938 (SAKA)
PAKISTANI DELEGATION VISITING PATHANKOT

1897. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what was the agreement between India and Pakistan when Pakistani team visited Pathankot to examine issues related to attack on Pathankot by Pakistani terrorists;
- (b) whether the agreement had provided for permitting Indian delegation to visit Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the reasons as to why Indian delegation has not been able to visit Pakistan so far;
- (d) whether the agreement was vetted by the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Law and Justice;
- (e) if so, whether there was any lacuna in the agreement; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (f): In furtherance of the Terms of Reference mutually agreed on

the basis of reciprocity and followed in accordance with extant legal provisions, the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) from Pakistan had visited India between 27th March, 2016 and 31st March, 2016 to collect, review and document physical evidences and to interview key witnesses and victims, through the National Investigation Agency (NIA), with regard to the Pathankot Airbase terror attack. During the meeting of the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries on the sidelines of 'Heart of Asia - Senior Officials meeting' in New Delhi on 26th April, 2016, it was conveyed to Pakistan that it was time for reviewing progress in the investigation of the attack after return of Pakistan's JIT, which had gathered all evidences that it had wanted when it visited India.
