

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA

QUESTION NO 23.10.2008

ANSWERED ON

SUICIDE ATTACK ON INDIAN EMBASSY IN KABUL .

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SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government is aware that Afghan President has blamed Pakistan's ISI behind the July 07, 2008 suicide attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul;

(b) whether this issue, inter-alia, figured in the meeting between the Prime Minister of India and Pakistan on the sideline of the 15th SAARC Summit held at Colombo in August, 2008; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Prime Minister of Pakistan to the alleged attack on the Indian Embassy and outcome of the enquiry held by him?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Yes.

(c) In response, the Prime Minister of Pakistan said that he would conduct an independent investigation and would discuss with President Karzai the attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul.