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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
(PAI Division)

146-F, South Block, New Delhi-11
Dated : 22 March 2022

To,

Shri Ishtdev Sharma
[REDACTED]

Uttar Pradesh - 201310

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application with Registration No. MOEAF/R/E/ [REDACTED] 2 and MOEAF/ [REDACTED] 73 received in this Division on 22 & 28 February 2022 respectively.

2. In this regard, please refer to this Ministry's response to a media query on a similar subject (copy enclosed).

4. In case you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal with Ms. Shweta Singh, Director (PAI) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi – 110011, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Secretary (Pakistan) & CPIO

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Transcript of Virtual Weekly Media Briefing by the Official Spokesperson (27 August 2020)

August 28, 2020

Shri Anurag Srivastava, Official Spokesperson: Friends, Namaskar and good evening.

Welcome to this weekly briefing in the online mode.

I will start with a short update on the Vande Bharat Mission. As on 26 August 2020, more than 12 lakh Indians stranded abroad have been repatriated by different modes under VBM. Phase 5 of this mission will be completed on 31 August 2020. In this phase, around 900 international flights have been operated from 22 different countries reaching 23 airports across India.

Phase 6 of VBM is scheduled to begin on 1 September 2020. Based on an assessment of demand by our Missions/Posts abroad, flights are being scheduled by Air India Group and private carriers. Bubble arrangements with different countries will continue as per schedule in the next phase too.

So, this is what I have by way of announcement. We will now move on to your questions. So Yatin if you could please take over.

Shri Yatin Patel, OSD (PR): Sir, first set of questions is on Kerala gold smuggling case. Balagopal from Mathrubhumi has asked - "did the government of Kerala or any of its agencies seek the mandatory clearance from MEA before accepting aid from the UAE Red Crescent, for the construction of houses for landless and homeless families under Life Mission scheme of the state government? Has the government of Kerala replied to clarifications sort by the MEA?" Prashant from Asianet has asked - "the Kerala government signed an MoU with the Red Crescent of UAE for building apartments under a government project last year. Is this a violation of protocol? Did Kerala seek approval of MEA for the project? Please clarify whether the Red Crescent has approval to conduct any type of work in India?"

Shri Anurag Srivastava, Official Spokesperson: On this I understand from our records that no approval was taken from MEA for signing this MoU with the UAE Red Crescent Society.

Shri Yatin Patel, OSD (PR): Second set of question is on Shri Kulbhushan Jadhav. Sidhant from WION has asked - "on Kulbhushan have we taken any call on if India will be present at 3rd September case?" Madhurendra from News Nation has asked - "Kulbhushan Jadhav mamle mein kya update hai? Kya Bharat ne kanooni madad ke liye koi kadam uthaya hai?" (Questioned in Hindi; Approximate translation) What is the update on KulbhushanJadhav issue? Whether India has taken any step with regards to legal assistance?Similar question has also been asked by Srinjoy from Times Now.

Shri Anurag Srivastava, Official Spokesperson: On Kulbhushan Jadhav I have no further updates from what I told you at the last briefing and we continue to take up this matter with Pakistani authorities.

Shri Yatin Patel, OSD (PR): Shailendra from News18 has asked - "Pakistan has rejected the Pulwama chargesheet like 26/11. Is government considering to share the proof with Pakistan this time too?"

Shri Anurag Srivastava, Official Spokesperson: The charge sheet has been filed after investigation of an year and half since the attack took place on 14 February 2019. It has been filed to address the act of terrorism and to bring perpetrators of such a heinous crime to justice. Our aim is not to simply issue statements or notifications.

Jaish-e-Mohammad had claimed the responsibility of Pulwama attack. The organization and its leadership is in Pakistan. It is regrettable that Masood Azhar, the first accused in the chargesheet continues to find shelter in Pakistan. Enough evidence has been shared with Pakistan but it continues to evade responsibility.

Pakistan has not yet taken any credible action against perpetrators of the Mumbai terror attack of 2008 which resulted in loss of 165 innocent lives including 25 foreign nationals.

Shri Yatin Patel, OSD (PR): Next set of question is on **Dawood Ibrahim**. Sidhant from WION has asked - "under the UN 1267 list, evidence support that **Dawood** is in Pakistan. Pakistan in a press release denied that. How do you see the development?" Anish from UNI has asked - "Pakistan government has accepted **Dawood Ibrahim**'s address as in Karachi and also imposed financial sanctions on him along with other terror groups and their leaders. What is India's response?" Sanjeev Trivedi from News 24 has asked - "**Dawood Ibrahim**'s presence in Pakistan was denied by Pakistan foreign ministry by rejecting the NIA chargesheet. Masood Azhar's role in the incident was also denied. How does India plan to take Pakistan's penchant to harbor terrorists and hide their misdeeds to FATF?" Similar question has also been asked by Sridhar from Asian Age.

Shri Anurag Srivastava, Official Spokesperson: Pakistan's assertion that the SRO does not mean that it admits to the presence of listed individuals on its territory or that it would impose any new measures on these listed individuals, lays bare the insincerity of Pakistan in responding to legitimate expectations of the world that they will track down international terrorists based on its soil. Pakistan has not only maintained its opposition to this international consensus but it has also chosen not to act against them.

Pakistan has never taken any credible and verifiable action against terror entities or listed individuals, including the most wanted ones. This subsequent denial by their Foreign Office calls into question their intentions and it would not mislead the world community in believing its propaganda. Pakistan must take credible action and ensure that the listed individuals are prosecuted.

Shri Yatin Patel, OSD (PR): Sridhar from Asian Age has asked - "Can you give some clarity on what