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**SPECIAL DISCUSSION ON INDIA'S STRONG, SUCCESSFUL AND DECISIVE  
'OPERATION SINDOOR' IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACK IN  
PAHALGAM- *Contd.***

**SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:** We extend warmest greetings and gratitude to our soldiers for their commendable and exemplary gallantry and valour shown during Operation Sindoor for protection of the civilians and the borders. When the Government constituted some delegations to go to various countries, the Opposition, without hesitation, joined the delegation to express that we are with the nation. When the nation is coming forward to combat terrorism, we join with them. Our country is working on the principle of parliamentary democracy. Let the Prime Minister come because hundreds of lives have been taken away, thousands of houses have been burnt and lakhs of people have been displaced. What is Parliament meant for? It is to debate, to deliberate and to decide. One should not forget that the very basic fact is, the Government is accountable to the Parliament and the Parliament is answerable to the people. The Parliament is supreme, we consider it so. No Special Session was convened. In the Baisaran Valley, 26 innocent people had been killed. Even after Pahalgam attack, an All-Party meeting was convened and only the hon. Home Minister came. When the hon. Prime Minister was not allowed to go Pahalgam because of intelligence inputs, why the innocent tourists were allowed to go there? In May, two persons were arrested who were suspected to be harbouring these terrorists. In the first five months of this year itself, there were four attacks by the terrorists against the civilians. As per the intelligence sources, 310 infiltration attempts were recorded along the Line of Control. As per the intelligence sources, there is poor coordination between the security and the administration. Give us a proof as to where the terrorists were from and how they have been shot dead? Who are the three? Are they the same three terrorists? Some terrorist attack had happened, you neither protected the people nor saved them. What was the compensation given to the victim's families? The people lost their lives and their families were craving for recognition, but it is not done. Why was there blackout in Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan? You immediately suspended the Indus Water Treaty after the attack. Now, you are depriving the people of a nation without water! Is it humane?

If you stop the Indus water, more militants will be created there and immediately India will be affected. And what is your alternate for storage if the water is not released? Do you have dams? Should you not anticipate that every action has got an equal and opposite

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reaction? In a war, it is quite natural that both sides will have losses. We will have less, they will have more. But, what is wrong in coming and telling, "Yes, it happened". Fifty civilians in Kashmir were killed, official spokesperson of the Government has come and told. Now a colonel, a proud Muslim woman is called as a sister of the terrorists and you have not expressed a word of resentment! Do not communalize each and everything. The Indus Water Treaty was not a right step taken by this Government. I think many of my colleagues would accept or may not accept it. But, do not victimize the civilians during a war time, like what is happening in other countries. Just because you have got an opportunity being in the Treasury Benches, it is not that you can speak whatever you want and we have to listen and go. We have every right to question the Government and it is the bounden duty of the Government to reply. The Government was very keen in not letting them to go into Pakistan. So, they were here but they were getting Pakistan chocolates, Pakistan rifles. With more than four million army personnel, with so many aircraft, fleet and all, with all those things, you are not able to protect the people there. All these questions you have to answer us. Let not another incident happen in the valley. India is very powerful. Get back the PoK. That is our expectation.

**SHRI SANJAY SINGH:** I pay tribute to the innocent, unarmed people who were killed and martyred in Pahalgam. We will salute the Indian Air Force, BSF, Indian Army, the brave soldiers of India again and again, but we will ask you a thousand questions, how did those terrorists enter 200 kilometres inside the Indian border? Where did your intelligence go wrong, who is responsible for that? The government said that people come to Baisaran Valley only 15 days before Amarnath Yatra but when we enquired, we came to know that Baisaran Valley is always open, but there were no security arrangements there. The families of the deceased say that our sons have sacrificed their lives for the country, and they should be given status of a martyr. The first priority of Prime Minister should have been to go to Pahalgam, but he did not go. Recruitment in the Indian army was stopped for three years and due to that the number of the army personnel was reduced significantly. For the youth of India, joining the Indian army was a matter of pride and honour but you made it a four-year job. You have money for everything but you have no money to give pension to BSF jawans, CISF jawans, paramilitary forces jawans. You talk about the honour of the army. The biggest sadness is that since yesterday it is being said that we declared ceasefire on our own, there is no interference of any third country in this. Since independence till today, India's stance has been the same that we do not accept the mediation of any third country in the matter of Pakistan. You have betrayed that sentiment. You accepted the mediation of America. In the case of India, which is the world's largest democracy and the world's fifth largest economy, ceasefire is not declared from Indian soil, but from American soil. American President Trump informs through a tweet that a ceasefire has been declared between the two countries.

On 5th June, Pakistan is made the Vice President of the UN's counter-Terrorism Committee. The Pakistan which hid Osama Bin Laden in its home for 10 years. The Pakistan where Masood Azhar is hiding; where Hafiz Saeed is hiding; the one which attacked Taj Hotel in Mumbai; the one which attacked Parliament; the one which attacked Akshardham; the one which attacked Uri; the one which attacked Pulwama; the one which attacked Red Fort; the one which spreads terrorism in India, the one which carried out the Pahalgam incident, the DGMO of that very Pakistan has said that we will not carry out any further incident. You agreed? There Pakistan and America are hobnobbing, and you are saying '*Ab Ki Bar, Trump Sarkar!*' America is saying that we thank Pakistan - for fighting terrorism. Our government said that we should clap for our brave soldiers - salute them. We saluted them. What did you do? Colonel Sophia Qureshi was called the sister of a terrorist.

So many objectionable things were written on social media about the daughter of India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri ji, but the government did not take any action, and the Foreign Secretary had to lock his Twitter account. You are not able to provide security to your own people!

I am saying one thing, and the government should pay attention to it. At a time when our forces are fighting, they have the correct information about everything, they know the circumstances, you are putting their lives in danger. Who is fighting where, what position, several kinds of news is running in the media. Therefore, this should also be stopped. China and America supported Pakistan in every way and what are you doing with China. After the incident of 2020 when our soldiers were martyred in the Galwan Valley, after that you imported goods worth Rs 37 lakh crore from China to India in the last 5 years. You are letting China earn lakhs of crores. You are giving business worth lakhs of crores of rupees to China and China is giving missiles to Pakistan. You travel all over the world. Not a single country comes to support you. Not a single country stands by your side. But when you need, you send people from the opposition to speak in favour of India all over the world. People from the opposition went, two MPs from our party also went and we presented the government's side to the world. Whenever there is a crisis on the country, we stand with you.

**SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:** Operation Sindoor has become a symbol of India's strategic precision and brave revenge of swift counter offensive. this Operation Sindoor is not over and will continue till Pakistan stops aiding, abetting, promoting and pushing terrorists across LoC. Immediately after knowing the barbaric act by Pakistani terrorists, killing 26 innocent civilians in Pahalgam, our YSR Congress Party leader and former Chief Minister, Shri Jagan Mohan Reddy, expressed his deep anguish and condemn this cowardly act of violence. Among the victims, two of them were residents of Andhra Pradesh. Their families, like countless others, grieve but also stand proud today because India did not remain silent. I, on behalf of my YSR Congress Party pay condolences to all those who have lost their lives. I also salute to the brave and courageous jawans of Indian Defence and Air Force. This is not the time to score political points or gain upper hand. This is not the time to ask evidence. This is the time to come together. We would go to any extent to destroy terrorism in any form. Our Party fully supported the move of the Government to send seven all-Party delegations. It is a good move. Our missiles and drones inflicted heavy damage on nine Pakistani air force bases. Pakistan's aerial attacks failed miserably to breach Indian air defence. We have also lost some of our soldiers and one of the soldiers is Murali Naik from Sri Satya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh. I appeal to the Government to give compensation of at least Rs.1 crore each. We have suspended the Indus Water Treaty. But what have we should also construct parallel projects there to use the water. We have to go to the roots of terrorism. Then only a long-lasting peace can be established. While we understand that India is investing in modernization of its Armed Forces in terms of purchasing modern equipment, I wish to see that happen faster. I also appreciate decision to observe 2025 as the 'Year of Reforms' to put the spotlight on transforming the Armed Forces.

**SHRI SUBHASISH KHUNTIA:** The success of Operation Sindoor reflects our commitment towards Indian values. When the security of the country and its citizens or national pride is at stake, India knows how to display peace as well as strength. Operation Sindoor is a matter of pride for every Indian. Operation Sindoor made it clear that today's war is about technological advancement. In view of the challenge of the next generation war, concrete steps should be taken towards making our forces technologically strong at every level. We will also have to pay attention to the security of other tourist destinations of the country, especially East India and Odisha. Odisha is extremely important not only from a

cultural point of view but also from a strategic point of view. Puri's Sri Jagannath Dham is not just a religious place but a national symbol. The long sea border from Balasore to Ganjam in Odisha is the first line of defence of East India. A strong army and scientific thinking are both essential for a strong India. Today there is a need to strengthen the Charbatia airbase and establish a naval command in Odisha so that Odisha can be developed as a strong military power centre of eastern India. In the end, I once again salute the Indian Army, but at the same time I also expect the government to always be fully prepared to deal with every situation. Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Vande Utkal Janani, Jai Jagannath.

**SHRI A. D. SINGH:** From Kargil to Pahalgam, there has been a huge failure of intelligence agencies. It is very sad that so many people lost their lives in the Pahalgam incident, and we have not been able to catch anyone yet. I would like to say one more thing on the defence strategy that how we have initially let down our armed forces in Operation Sindoor. If there is any war, then first of all you have to hit the military target. Political leadership said that you should not hit military targets. You should only hit the terrorists. We have only hit the buildings, and they must have shifted all the terrorists here and there. So, I do not agree with the Government's view that they have really infiltrated and killed various terrorists. President Trump says he has stopped the fighting. My first question is whether the Government has sent any written protest letter to the US. I would like that the report of Major B.C. Khanduri, who was the chairman of the Standing Committee on Defence, should be presented again in the Parliament, because he had given a report on the forces and he was from the BJP, so he was removed from his chairmanship. It is very clear that you were not fighting Pakistan. It was a proxy war with China, as our fighter planes flew towards them, our control room signalled ejection. That means, we just wanted to save our pilot and the fighter planes used to get destroyed. I don't think any of our delegation met people at a high level. They all met people at the middle level. So, I don't think we achieved anything in that.

**DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:** On behalf of my party, AIADMK, I pay condolences to 26 civilian tourists who were killed by the Pakistan terrorists. The operation targeted nine terrorist infrastructure sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The Operation Sindoor was a coordinated, precision strike operation launched by the Indian Armed Forces on 7th May, 2025. The final operation was executed in 22 minutes. It highlighted India's technological capabilities. Operation Sindoor sent a clear message to Pakistan that no further acts of terrorism will be taken lightly, and such acts will not be considered as proxies. India's offensive strikes were such that the runways of those bases had been damaged in Pakistan and even now they could not be used after the expiry of more than two months of the operation. The indigenously-developed *Akash* surface-to-air missile system demonstrated its efficacy during Operation Sindoor, wherein Indian forces undertook precise, calibrated strikes targeting terrorist infrastructure across the border—without violating the Line of Control or international boundaries. Following retaliatory measures, Pakistan requested a ceasefire, which was accepted, with the hon. Prime Minister issuing a clear caution against nuclear threats. Despite political commentary that cited remarks made by President Trump, India's unwavering resolve—rather than rhetoric—shaped the global narrative. It sent a strong message: India will not stand for cross-border terrorism and will act forcefully if provoked.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi's firm international stance against terrorism garnered widespread appreciation. He has consistently projected terrorism as a global threat, earning him stature as an internationally respected leader. We also interacted with the Indian diaspora during our global parliamentary outreach, which was well-organized by Indian embassies and attracted sizable crowds. India's measured response, even in the face of

nuclear threats, was globally appreciated as responsible and restrained. Terrorism is now evolving—leveraging Artificial Intelligence, data analytics, and IT infrastructure—which India is actively countering through advancements in science and technology, aligned with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision. Instead, despite its vows to mediate world peace, the United States is the world's largest armaments manufacturer and is accused of facilitating terrorism and inflaming conflicts through the export of weapons. This hypocrisy undermines peace efforts. Instead, despite its vows to mediate world peace, the United States is the world's largest armaments manufacturer and is accused of facilitating terrorism and inflaming conflicts through the export of weapons. Peace initiatives are harmed by this hypocrisy. I regret that hon. Member Shri Tiruchi Siva failed to acknowledge Operation Sindoor and Prime Minister Modi's contributions. The hon. Member had already elaborated on Operation Sindoor, highlighting the Indian Army's success, the role of indigenous technology, and the sacrifices of our armed forces. The underlying message of strategic achievement and national pride is crucial.

It is irresponsible to state, as Mr. Chidambaram did, that India harbours "home-grown terrorists." Terrorism in India is predominantly cross-border, and such remarks risk sending a misleading message globally. India has suffered due to externally-sponsored terror from across the western border, a fact even acknowledged by Pakistani military leadership.

**♦SHRI HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA, making his maiden speech, said:** This is my maiden speech before this august House today. I stand here before you not only as a diplomat but also as a person who served the country for four long decades. I have come here again to serve this country and the people of Darjeeling, though in a new capacity. I would like to tell all the Members of this House that I would perform all my responsibilities efficiently and with all my heart. I would work for the development of the nation and strengthening of the democracy. I would also like to work for the betterment of livelihoods of the people. Operation Sindoor as a highly precise, intelligence-led strike conducted on 7th May targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK. As per the hon. Minister of Defence, the operations neutralized over 100 terrorists, including in Muridke and Bahawalpur in Punjab province. In this operation India has employed AI-enabled satellite surveillance and hyper-spectral imaging in a live operation for the first time allowing for precise targeting in complex terrain. We should congratulate our armed forces, our scientists and those who have given us the vision of an *Atmanirbha Bharat* in our ability to destroy our enemies in such a precise manner that there was not a single collateral damage. The UN Security Council in a statement of the 25th of April specifically states that the perpetrators, organisers, sponsors and financiers of this reprehensible act of terrorism in Pahalgam should be held accountable and brought to justice and we have done exactly that. The United States has used Article 51 in attacks against the Taliban, against the ISIS and we have used Article 51 in eliminating terror bases in the heart of Pakistan and it is a great testament in many senses. Saudi Arabia has put out in their statement that this was an act of cross-border terrorism. It is a great diplomatic achievement for us that a country like Saudi Arabia has recognised that Pakistan is responsible for this act of terrorism. It is the success of our global diplomacy. Today, we are considered a responsible global power, the world's fourth largest economy, an economic superpower, a repository of technology and human resource talent and most importantly a long-term safe destination for investments from the Gulf countries. The world today is divided in a strategic rivalry between certain powers. In this situation, many countries are looking up to India as a country that can provide solutions to the global challenges of the day.

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♦Spoke in Nepali and Bangali also.

**SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:** After the Pahalgam incident on 22 April, our Prime Minister had said that India will identify, track and punish every terrorist, their masters and their supporters. That is where Operation Sindoor was conceived. Operation Sindoor was an operation carried out with utmost precision at 10 o'clock in the night so that there were no civilian casualties. 9 terrorist hideouts were attacked with precision and destroyed. This operation successfully carried out by our Army and Air Force is commendable. Our Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and CRPF also deserve praise for successfully carrying out Operation Mahadev yesterday. This is an important achievement for the country. What was our delegations' purpose to visit 33 countries? Its main purpose was to get their support and to tell the world about India's new doctrine given by Prime Minister Modi Ji. First point, if there is any terrorist act from outside, cross-border terrorism, then we will consider it an act of war. Second point, those who sponsor and finance terrorists, will also be considered terrorists. We will treat the state which sponsors it in the same way. Third, the Prime Minister said that blood and water cannot flow together. We also discussed about the Indus Water Treaty. Ending the cooperation from our side, we stopped sending water there. The preamble of the Indus Water Treaty signed in 1960 talks about friendship and cooperation and according to that, 80 percent water was being given to Pakistan by India. Pakistan has not reflected any friendship and cooperation. When you enter into a treaty with any country, you give something and receive something in return. We gave 80 percent water but got nothing in return. For the last five years, the Indian government has been discussing the dam being built there in relation to climate change and demographic change. But now we have put the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance. Fourth, no nuclear blackmail will be tolerated. Japan or South Korea, we do business with these countries, all these five countries are our strategic partners. They had a concern that what will happen if its scale increases? The members of our delegation were representing the length and breadth of the country and the biggest thing about this visit was that across party lines everyone spoke in one voice there. They appreciated this thing and it was our success. We got the same feedback from the other delegations.

We made our position clear to the world. I think the way it was done through Operation Sindoor was appropriate. There are many defense related institutions, they are studying this operation. This must have been rare in the history of the world. It was just told that we went deep inside the country and destroyed their terrorist hideouts or later, when they attacked here, their Air Force base was also destroyed. Its details and satellite images came in the public domain. The government has also said that there has been no damage to any of our strategic defense assets. The kind of damage that has been caused to Pakistan is now being studied. Be it Uri, Pulwama or Operation Sindoor, all have taken place after 2014. What used to happen in such cases earlier? The Delhi Batla House incident had happened. Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Sharma was killed. A Congress leader had said at that time that the then Congress President started crying after seeing the photos of the terrorists killed in the Batla House encounter. She asked to discuss the matter with PM and the decision to appoint some retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to look into the matter was taken. But, due to election time, nothing could be done.

This is a time of great pride for the country. We sympathize with the families of those killed in this incident. The way our armed forces and intelligence system acted was unparalleled. Everywhere people are asking how this ceasefire happened. We had very little idea at that time. It has now become clear that the DGMO from the other side called and the ceasefire happened only after talking to the DGMO here. Operation Sindoor is a matter of pride for India. Wherever we went, everyone appreciated India's position. We showed the world the photo of Pakistani army men sitting at the funeral of the terrorist killed in

Operation Sindoor. And also told that Osama bin Laden found a place in Pakistan and not anywhere else in the world. We also quoted the documentary on Osama bin Laden on Netflix and suggested them to watch that. We also said that you should not hyphenate India and Pakistan. If you have economic power, the world will salute you. Everyone knows what the situation is in Pakistan. Now, India is the fourth largest economy in the world. We put forward the new security doctrine outlined by PM Modi after Operation Sindoor about India's economic power, the strength of the Indian army, India's stand on cross-border terrorism. No country questioned right to defend itself against terrorism and they condemned the terrorist incident of Pahalgam. I think all doubts have been clarified by this debate after our visit. We went to Japan. The ambassador of the other country was also invited there. Our ambassador told us that whatever we discussed will reach their country. So, across the globe, the message has gone. I think our message has gone out with this clarity that if any terrorist activity takes place, India is no more going to sit idle and would hit back and hit back very, very aggressively.

**SHRI PRAFUL PATEL:** It was more saddening and unacceptable that during Pahalgam terrorist attack people were being identified by religion and shot in front of their family. It shook the conscience of the nation. It was not just Government reacting but entire nation stood as one in solidarity and anger was reflected in the mood. It is a matter of happiness that all political parties came together and supported the Government. During All-Party meetings, not a single voice of discord was noticed. The Government responded decisively with its full power by taking into account a lot of other factors necessary to keep the well-being of our nation. Our Armed Forces deserve a salute for taking up the challenge and giving a befitting reply. There are different versions and different voices and opinions about the attack. There have been many terrorist attacks in this country. For how many attacks we could hit back? For how many attacks we could provide justice to our people?

26/11 happened in Mumbai. We were in the government then. There was a lot of damage in it. Apart from loss of life, a huge conspiracy was hatched to disrupt the economy, peace and tranquility of the entire country. We could not do more than giving a dossier of Pakistan's involvement. I am not blaming them. Our colleagues sometimes get agitated. At the time of the Pahalgam incident, the Prime Minister was in Saudi Arabia. He left the state visit overnight and returned to the country. The CCS meeting was held on 23 April. After the decision of the CCS, on the 24th, he gave a message to the country and the world from Bihar. The government had resolved to respond to it. The process of responding to it started within 10-15 days. Nine terrorist camps were destroyed there overnight. It was a short but very important operation of 22 minutes. Every Indian felt a sense of pride that our government is capable of protecting us. We showed unity. When *Operation Sindoor* is talked about, it is about the bravery of our army. On the first day, without crossing the border, we destroyed nine terrorist camps 100-150 km inside Pakistan. It was a very precise attack. This was an example of our intelligence and technological advancement of the army. When we did this, they reacted. For two days continuously, overnight, they attacked us with drones and missiles. In response to that, we gave a befitting reply. We destroyed 11 military airbases of Pakistan. We did not care about the nuclear threat. People are saying that we declared ceasefire under pressure from someone. I do not want to name anyone. We have a protocol of relations with other countries. The Foreign Minister has clearly mentioned that there was no talk with anyone during *Operation Sindoor*. Do we not trust our government or the minister of External Affairs? This is surprising and shocking. Today India is strong. We are the fourth largest economy in the world. We will have to think responsibly about our profit and loss. The country and the world are changing. We have to protect the country. The government has decided that terrorism will never be tolerated in the country. A very big

message has been sent through *Operation Sindoor*. Information has also been given about *Operation Mahadev*. Today, the terrorists involved in Pahalgam attack have also been neutralised.

**SHRI MILIND MURLI DEORA:** I salute our brave soldiers. This House can never forget their bravery and sacrifice. Maharashtra is the largest tourism contributor in Kashmir. The people of Maharashtra are deeply hurt after this incident. No one in this House mentioned Kashmiri pony operator Adil Hussain Shah, who was killed by a terrorist while helping tourists. Our party Shiv Sena and our main leader Eknath Shinde ji have given an amount of Rs 5 lakh to his family members. We are fully helping them to build their house. Maharashtra has always stood with the country. India's resistance capability has been effective. For the first time, we have attacked 100 kilometers inside Pakistan. All the three terrorists involved in the Pahalgam attack have been killed in *Operation Mahadev*. Our defense exports have increased more than 35 times in the year 2024 as compared to the year 2014. The entire credit for this goes to the '*Make in India*' campaign. I always believe that national security should never be politicized. Terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir have reduced by 69 percent in the last 10 years. Deaths in Naxalite incidents have reduced by 70 percent in the last 10 years. Cross-border infiltration has reduced by 90 percent in the year 2023 as compared to the year 2010. I am very proud and happy to tell you that there has not been a single terrorist attack in Mumbai in more than a decade. The whole world knows that Pakistan is actually ruled not by the elected government but by the Pakistani Army. Pakistan is a politically unstable country. Diplomatic efforts during *Operation Sindoor* tied us in the thread of unity. But this unity lasted only for a short time. India is influential only when it is united and we can achieve anything successfully. We must push unitedly for the denuclearization of Pakistan like Ukraine and South Africa. We should take swift and pre-emptive action if credible intelligence of a terrorist camp is received in Pakistan. We should increase development aid in the Global South. This will increase our goodwill across the world. Here the issue of our diplomatic failure was raised. Many countries have supported us. We do not need anyone else's permission to protect our sovereignty and borders. We have full right to protect ourselves. BRICS countries have supported us.

**SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:** People were shot in Pahalgam after asking their religion. The same thing happened in 1990 as well. All *Kashmiri Pandits* were expelled from the Kashmir Valley. This is nothing new for India. India has faced many such attacks. Now India has changed. The Indian Army has secured the 3,323 km long border with Pakistan. Pakistan paid the price of vermilion and Mahadev's trident also cleared the way. Terrorists have been killed, the terror den has been destroyed, we have taken whatever action was to be taken against Pakistan and our Hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has already categorically mentioned that any such further act of terrorism will be considered as an act of war and we will reciprocate accordingly. We have destroyed their Air Force base, it is not in a position to operate for five years. India has shown its power, but today we should think why does this terrorism flourish? At this juncture, the whole world should think how to end terrorism. It is a cancer to human civilization; it is a curse to humanity. It is a hydra-headed monster. Kill it before it kills you. We should fight, but we are fighting with guns and missiles, but what is the hidden reason behind this. Pakistan is spending its money just to strengthen its military capacity and intelligence. It has failed to eradicate poverty from its own State. How will Pakistan fight, it could not run even a shop or open a restaurant in its name in the world. They fought four conventional wars with us and every time, they lost miserably. "Bleed India with thousand cuts" - this has been going on for a long time. But today the entire country, the entire world should understand where this came from. These days many people are blaming Gandhiji for partition. But he was not actually

responsible for it. There was only one country, which was formed in the name of religion - its name is Pakistan. We are not in favour of war. This does not mean that we should be killed and Indian should keep getting beaten every day. Pakistan has got its answer. Terrorism will end in the coming days, but to end terrorism, that thinking, that Theocracy should be killed. People think that we will conquer the whole world through violence. We should fight against this terrorism and not every terrorism is caused by a gun or bullet. Radicalization is taking place and we should fight against it. We should fight against this mindset, this terrorism and for this we need consensus across the party lines. We should stop speaking against each other on such issues. We should rise above this. Pakistan should be made to understand anyhow. Pakistan was never a nation. Pakistan has no history, no text. How will we fight against it? We should kill that thinking. When we went abroad, we told everyone that look, our fight is not with Pakistan, you people will also have to fight this fight. Fortunately or unfortunately, we are living in a global market. There is a weapon economy. We are also a part of it. We are also exporting today. The Cossipore Gun and Shell Factory, where coffee percolators were made in 1962, today the magazine of the same place is going to the First World. The country is moving ahead. There is no point in fighting over who said what. We have nothing to do with what an outsider says and no one in our parliament should have anything to do with it as well. India is one country and it will remain one. Here the ruling party and the opposition are united. Today the question is not where the terrorists are coming from or why they are coming. The question is that thinking, that radicalization, whose frenzied influence is gradually engulfing West Bengal. We have reached a terrible situation now. We have to save ourselves from this. There is no politics in this. We should fight together to save West Bengal. It should not be made West Bangladesh. We will not let it become an Islamic Republic.

**SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM:** I am glad that we are eventually discussing Operation Sindoor. Ever since Operation Sindoor ended, we have been demanding that a special session of Parliament be called to discuss Operation Sindoor. All over the world, in every democratic country, where a war has taken place, even during the war, Parliament is in session. And certainly after the war, the Parliament is convened to discuss various aspects of the war. If the subject is India's Strong, Successful and Decisive 'Operation Sindoor' in response to a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, there can be no quarrel with that subject. The subject is really the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, the consequences of Operation Sindoor. On December 16, 1971, there was a decisive victory. On the contrary, Operation Sindoor ended with a ceasefire. The Government claimed, and it may be accepted, that India has destroyed terrorist infrastructures in Pakistan in nine places; and that India severely damaged 11 military airbases. But, why did India agree to a ceasefire? Nobody had any reservation in entrusting to the Government full authority, full power and full support to take whatever action it chose fit. I must record that the military leadership of India was exemplary not only during Operation Sindoor but after Operation Sindoor, the military leadership had been candid and forthright also. The Chief of Defence Staff admitted tactical mistakes and losses. He also said that after the tactical mistakes, they paused, the military leaders got together and re-strategized. He also admitted that Chinese missiles and drones from Turkey had been deployed by Pakistan. We can conclude that China was testing its military hardware in the India-Pakistan conflict. The Congress Working Committee which met later pointed out that there was an intelligence and security failure. Sadly, the present Government did not acknowledge the failure on security and intelligence fronts. In case of Mumbai terror attack, our Government not only admitted our failure, but went for course correction as well. Within a month, we revised our strategy and approved the National Investigation Agency Act. The appointment of Director Generals for National Investigation Agency was a top priority for us. The UAPA was also amended. The NATGRID and CCTNS were set up. About

Operation Sindoor, our military leadership admitted their initial mistakes and those mistakes were promptly corrected. But, our political leadership remains vague and unresponsive on it. In fact, Government has failed to formulate an appropriate strategy to deal with the fact that China, Pakistan and Turkey were fighting as a team against India. After Operation Sindoor, Government sent multi-party delegations to various countries but our immediate neighborhood was conveniently ignored. The Government also failed to defend our own CDS and Foreign Secretary when they and their family members were trolled in social media. Our political leadership is paying glowing tributes to our soldiers, involved in Operation Sindoor. But, it never protested against Pakistan being provided a huge loan by IMF, World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Instead of opposing, merely abstaining from voting at international forums is never the best approach to contain our adversaries. Recently, Pakistan has been elected as Chairman of the UNSC Taliban Sanctions Committee and also as a Vice-Chairman of the UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee. Ironically, China is supporting and praising a terror sponsoring country like Pakistan even today for its anti-terrorism efforts. Despite Operation Sindoor, we must admit that terror ecosystem has not been fully demolished. So far, American President, Mr. Donald Trump has publicly claimed on multiple occasions that he had mediated between India and Pakistan which led to cessation of Operation Sindoor. Our Prime Minister has been a vocal supporter of Mr. Trump and five years ago, he raised a slogan, '*Ab ki baar, Trump sarkar*'. Till date, all claims made by US President and their Government have gone uncontested from our side. In fact, Indian Government hardly protested even when illegal Indian migrants were deported to India and all of them were handcuffed and their legs were chained. The Indian student visas were also suspended by US authorities. Recently, President Trump invited Pakistani Army chief for dinner and hailed him as a phenomenal partner. Despite all these unfavorable developments, Indian Government chose to remain silent. Finally, I appeal the Government to show exemplary leadership, candidness, forthrightness and take the country ahead.

**\*SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:** I pay homage to all the innocent Indians who lost their lives in the terrorist attack at Pahalgam. This discussion is taking place today. I, on behalf of my party, humbly ask why did the Government not call a special Session? During the India-China war, the then Prime Minister had called a special session on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1962 on being demanded by the opposition. Further, the question also arises that those who infiltrated hundreds kilometres inside the Line of Control and killed innocent people, then retreated - who will take responsibility for this massive breach of national security? If there was an intelligence failure, then how did the Chief of the Intelligence Bureau get a one-year extension just a month after the attack? Under what compulsion, instead of holding him accountable, he was rewarded? Those four terrorists whose photos were published were responsible for the heinous killings. Are they dead or alive? Did they escape after travelling hundreds kilometres? Why is the Government not issuing a clear statement? In matters of foreign policy, we always stand with the Central Government. But, when will we be able to reclaim Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)? The people of the country want to know. Within a month of the Pahalgam incident, Pakistan became the Vice-Chairman of the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the UN Security Council, even though lakhs of crores rupees have been spent on our Ministry of External Affairs in the last 10 years. On the direction of our leader, after this incident, we marched from the hills to the sea with the national flag to honour the armed forces. Even today, the question arises that despite everyone supporting the reclaiming of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, why have we not been able to capture it?

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\* Spoke in Bangali.

**SHRI S. NIRANJAN REDDY:** Pahalgam incident is not something that the country would want to encounter. But, it has happened. It is not an incident of choice. Some indications say that there was an intelligence failure. We need to see what we can learn and gather from an incident like this. If there has been an intelligence failure, the country now needs to look at how do we take steps for beefing up our intelligence agencies, providing them better equipment, surveillance equipment and techniques for ensuring that there would not be such an intelligence failure in future. This incident was clearly an attempt designed for the purpose of trying to hit Kashmir when Kashmir's tourism is booming. So, the best response the country can give is that additional projects in Kashmir are needed to be taken up for helping tourism, making Kashmir more tourist-friendly so that the local population benefits. Second thing is that all of us firmly believe that Pakistan was behind it. Another thing is that there is no difference amongst any of us that India needed to respond. India needed to establish a new strategic threshold. We need to show to Pakistan that we are not going to take these kinds of incidents lying down. We will respond in our own way. I fully support this action that we have taken where we now want to make it clear to Pakistan or any of the terrorist organizations that whatever they do, they cannot get away with it lightly. But the question is - have we done enough? It is not just enough for us to say that we are the fourth largest economy. I think it is about time we start showing our heft and we start behaving like that in terms of defence also. Fourthly, was the response required to be measured? In my opinion, it had to be measured. India took a measured response trying to target only the terrorist installations at first. The original objective of India was only to attack the terrorist hideouts. I support what India has done, saying that it will first attack the terrorist hideouts and once Pakistan tried to hit our military targets, we would have responded in measure. There is a lot of learning that the Government and all of us would need to take from it. Firstly, we need to accept that we are not yet a deterrent defence superpower. Europe today has decided that, in principle, it will increase its defence GDP to three per cent. Today India is spending 1.9 per cent. I think, we all need to support and move towards India eventually spending three per cent or even more, but it has to be done incrementally. Secondly, we are now seeing a changed paradigm where countries are engaged in full-spectrum warfare. India has 20,000 certified cyber professionals whereas China has one lakh cyber professionals. India needs to train one lakh cyber professionals by 2030. China is spending 15 billion dollars of its annual budget on cyber-related expenditure whereas our current budget is only Rs. 739 crores for cyber security. We need to increase the cyber security allocations. We also need to learn that the bigger the economic heft, the better we progress economically, the more seriously the world will take us. We will not need anybody; we will defend ourselves. Let us spend more on defence.

**SHRIMATI SULATA DEO:** The shameful act that took place in Baisaran Valley on 22 April 2025 has killed humanity. I pay tribute to the 26 people who were martyred in this incident. The women whose vermilion was wiped off, this 'Operation Sindoor' would have given them some relief. I am deeply grateful to all the forces involved in 'Operation Sindoor'. No amount of praise for them would be enough. Operation Sindoor is currently suspended, if Pakistan dares to show its might to us again, India will give a befitting reply. We have always supported our country and will continue to do so. The technology of the armed forces should be upgraded in the same way as technologies are emerging. Be it drones or AI, there should be such a system through any medium that if even a bird touches our Indian border, we should be alerted. When we are fighting Pakistani terrorists through Operation Sindoor, fighting the external enemy, then it is my request that we should also fight our internal enemies. I hope that someday that morning will come when we will have

Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. In the end, I demand that at least the families of those who died there should be given the status of martyr's family.

**SHRI UJJWAL DEORAO NIKAM:** If we have to discuss 'Operation Sindoor', then we have to know what activities were taken against terrorists by the governments that came to power till date and what was Pakistan's attitude towards them. More than 250 people died in the 1993 bomb blast and many were injured, home-based terrorists involved in this were instigated by Pakistan. We had all the evidence. We had put a charge of 'Waging War against the Government of India' in that case. But, as soon as we filed the charge sheet, the central agency removed that charge. The question arises that why was it removed? Whether we were afraid of Pakistan. When terrorist attack took place in Mumbai on 26/11, 2008, only one terrorist Ajmal Kasab survived and I was asked to file separate charge sheets in that case so that he could be hanged soon. I said that if you do this, we cannot expose Pakistan before the world. We did not agree. We filed a single charge sheet. Then after that we had gone to Islamabad, there we told Pakistani officials that the conspiracy happened on your land, so you should find the proof, how can you ask us for proof. After that David Headley confessed in the Chicago court that how Pakistan provides help. We said that it should be used. David Headley had clearly told how Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jamaat-ud-Dawa have a nexus with ISI's army officials. We had raised this question in Pakistan that you did not arrest Hafiz Saeed, Zakiur Rehman, then they were asking for proof. I felt one thing very deeply that Pakistan did not take India seriously at that time. They believed that India would not give a decisive response and would not take any concrete step against terrorism, but that was India then, not now. Today I would definitely say that our government has made it clear through Operation Sindoor that we do not fight only in files, we respond in the field. Now India does not remain silent, India gives a befitting reply. The Pakistan that once took India lightly, today the same Pakistan is scared of India's response.

I want to make it clear that Operation Sindoor was based on the principle of self-defense under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations and we neither insulted the sovereignty of Pakistan nor blew the bugle of war. We targeted only those bases of terror, from where terrorist organizations were hatching conspiracies to attack our country again and again. These groups not only attacked our borders but also Pulwama, Uri, Pathankot. We repeatedly initiated talks, we gave dossiers, we tried to ensure Pakistan's accountability on international forums, but when the terrorist guns turned towards our innocent citizens, India broke its silence. Operation Sindoor was not an answer, but a message. This operation was not only successful from a military point of view, but also a sign of maturity from a diplomatic point of view. We ensured that no innocent civilian was killed, the attack was limited, precise and targeted, India's image as a responsible democracy became even stronger. This operation was not just for the security of a country but also to show the whole world that countries that harbour terrorism will not be tolerated. I salute the valour of our armed forces. It was their preparation, precision and patience that made this possible. I also salute the leadership of the Prime Minister, our Defence Minister, without whose firm resolve and clear policy this would not have been possible. For the first time, the global community recognised that necessary and appropriate action was taken to stop terrorism operating from Pakistani soil. Operation Sindoor proved that India not only takes legally strong decisions, but also presents them in a humane and moral manner. This is the new India of the 21st century, an India full of self-confidence, which talks face to face. This is the new India, which wants to answer the terrorists in their own language.

**PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:** First of all, I pay tribute to the tourists martyred in Pahalgam and salute the bravery of the three wings of the Indian Army for Operation

Sindoor. After the Pahalgam incident, all political parties and the people of the country were fully in support of any step taken by the Government of India. The public wanted action to be taken and action was taken. The action was successful. Our forces deserve congratulations for this. You also deserve congratulations for the step you took. This message will go not only to the public but also to other countries that there is division in the parliament, whereas there is no division, but this message is being conveyed through your speeches. The army has everyone's support. Do not sow the seed of doubt in the mind of the army. This is very dangerous. The Indian army, which is one of the best armies in the world, is completely impartial, neutral and is always ready to sacrifice its life for the security of the country. If any doubt arises against them, then the situation will be like Pakistan. We all should learn a lesson from that. Therefore, when the whole country is with you, then the discussion here should be about how we should be prepared for the very dangerous nexus of America, Pakistan and China. No one is with us. We should prepare for that. When Operation Sindoor was going on, the whole world knows the weapons used by Pakistan were all from China. When no country in the world is supporting you, then we will have to become strong on our own and for this, whatever appropriate steps you take, the whole country will be with you in that.

**SHRIMATI MAHUA MAJI:** Speaking on this debate on 'Operation Sindoor', first of all I pay tribute to the innocent, unarmed tourist killed in the Pahalgam attack and also pray to God to give their loved ones the strength to bear this loss. I also salute the brave soldiers of our country's armed forces for their valor and bravery. But at the same time I ask the Central Government that under whose pressure was the ceasefire declared at such a time. The claim of America that it was they who brought about the ceasefire between India and Pakistan seemed extremely insulting to the countrymen. Why was there no protest against this from the Prime Minister's side? There is only one question in the minds of the countrymen that why did the Central Government declare a ceasefire before occupying POK? The things said by the American President regarding trade with India, have also created many apprehensions in the minds of the countrymen. The current BJP government constantly accuses the opposition or the India alliance of being soft towards Pakistan. But this very opposition party, with the help of India's own brave soldiers, helped in the creation of Bangladesh by breaking Pakistan into pieces. It seems very insulting that the current government of the same country got scared of America's threats and stopped military action. The tragic incident that happened in Pahalgam, in which the husbands of 26 sisters of the country were killed, their sindoor was wiped off, why were there no soldiers and policemen there for their security? People sitting abroad are talking about our five fighter jets being shot down in Operation Sindoor. The Prime Minister should also clarify how many fighter jets were shot down in this war? The central government had promised to make Kashmir a peaceful, beautiful and new Kashmir by removing Article 370. There is no count of how many terrorist attacks happened continuously before and after that. The innocent public and tourists were cheated. They died trusting the false promises of the central government. BJP leaders at the centre talk about infiltration, but if someone is infiltrating from any country, from the international border, then is it the responsibility of the states or the centre? I would only say that the central government should stop playing with the emotions of the countrymen, focus on the security of the country and keep a close watch on the neighbouring countries.

**SHRI G. K. VASAN:** Operation Sindoor has taught a lesson to countries which encourage terrorism against innocent people and peaceful countries. India has proved its might in war against Pakistan successfully. We were not only able to blast terrorist bases, but also we were successful in tarnishing their ugly face internationally. Today, people of

our nation feel safe and secure. Through Operation Sindoor, we have once again demonstrated to the world that India not merely responds, India leads — not for vengeance, but for justice; that also not for hatred, but in defence of righteousness. We have sent a very clear message to the world, not just to one group, but to every force that intends to destabilize peace and human dignity. Operation Sindoor is not only an operation, it is a symbol of India's resolve, a signal to the world that we will act whenever necessary, and that we act in the interest of global stability, peace and human values. We were able to challenge and win the threat from Pakistan and its supporting countries through our armed and economic strategy.

**SHRI BRIJ LAL:** First of all, I pay tribute to the martyrs who lost their lives in the Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam in Kashmir. I pray to God to give their families the strength to bear such a great loss. Their wounds must have been healed yesterday when our Army, CRPF and Kashmir Police killed the dreaded terrorists responsible for this. For this, I congratulate and thank the security forces of the country. Some of our friends from the Congress had said that what is the proof that they are Pakistanis. There is scientific evidence that all three are the same terrorists who killed 26 of our innocent people. A Sindoor Memorial should be built which will be a recognition of the fact that it was a historical event that when the sindoor of our sisters was wiped off, we took revenge for it. At the same time, it was such an incident that had tied the whole country in the thread of unity and solidarity. Whenever something good happens, when India achieves something, the people of the Congress party always have doubts. They even asked for proof on the surgical strike. When we made the Covid vaccine and exported it to 160 countries, it was said that it was substandard. Questions were also raised on Operation Mahadev. There should be no politics in this. It is in Pakistan's nature to spread terror and stop our progress. We are the fourth economy of the world and now we are going to be the third economy. If you do something wrong, we will take revenge for that. If the strike had been done immediately after 26/11, we would not have needed Operation Sindoor today. The Pakistanis targeted our national capital as well as our economic capital Mumbai. After that they targeted religious places. Four bomb blasts were carried out in Varanasi in which many people were killed. They carried out a blast in Bodh Gaya. They tried to destroy the original idol of Lord Buddha. There also 7 people were killed, but the original idol was saved. They attacked Akshardham Temple, Gujarat, 35 people were killed, devotees were taken hostage. They attacked Buddha Park, Hyderabad, Gokul Chart. Innocent people were killed there too. They attacked tourist places. Apart from this, attacks were carried out in Jaipur, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Bodh Gaya, Ahmedabad and Mumbai. They turned Kashmir into a shooting ground and carried out so many incidents there, so that both tourism and economy come to a standstill. They carried out such incidents to destroy our economy and to send a message to the world that India is not safe. They targeted our economy and security forces. Apart from this, they also conspired to kill Prime Minister. They took training in jungle warfare in Vagamon forests of Kerala. Where Abdul Subhan Qureshi taught them how to make bombs from local material. Finally, in January 2008, training was given at Pavagagarh, Gujarat. There it was finalised how to target Modi Ji and Amit Shah Ji.

**SHRI SHAKTISINH GOHIL:** First of all, I humbly pay my tribute to the innocent civilians killed in the terrorist attacks and the soldiers who were martyred during Operation Sindoor. We have never done politics in the name of terrorism. We have always supported the governments in the interest of the country by rising above party politics. The strength of the army was reduced. The army was kept for two sectors. The army which used to be in one sector has now been divided into two sectors. This is also a reason for how the terrorists entered. We also feel sad to see the situation today. In this very house, the Home Minister

had said that it was a mistake to ceasefire without taking the Pak occupied Kashmir . Pakistan said that your friend has a port there, your friend has a power station there, we will blow it up. Due to this, you bowed down and you ceasefire. Operation Sindoor is not yet complete, it is in a short pause. Are you now out to do vote politics on this sindoor? In our religion, even a virgin girl cannot apply sindoor. You do vote politics by distributing sindoor. You should be ashamed of this.

*Discussion not concluded.*

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