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Congress President, Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Vice-President, Shri Rahul Gandhi have unequivocally supported Indian Armed Forces and the Government in surgical strikes against terrorists in Pakistan as also in taking all steps for demolishing the terror infrastructure against India. We reaffirm the same.

Congress Party has full faith in the brave hearts of Indian Armed Forces in conducting a surgical strike as we recognize that this is neither the first nor will be the last surgical strike conducted by our Armed Forces to defend the country and our people. We are proud that even in the past our Forces have successfully conducted such surgical strikes on numerous occasions, particularly on 01.09.2011, 28.07.2013 and 14.01.2014, giving a befitting reply to the enemy. In its maturity, wisdom and in the interest of National security, Congress Government avoided making loud claim for the effective response and action of Indian Army, which had the full support of political leadership.

There has never been a reason to raise a question or doubt on the statements by DGMO on surgical strike. Government, however, needs to call the Pakistani bluff and false propaganda by using all information, evidence and instruments at the disposal of Indian state. In a serious and challenging situation where Pakistan continues to export terror like in Baramulla yesterday and commit ceasefire violations, we will like to ask Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi if the immature and casual statements being made by Defence Minister, Shri Manohar Parriker and other Union Ministers have his sanction and support. We also urge upon the Government to stop politicizing the sacrifices and bravery of Indian soldiers for myopic political gain.