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Randeep Singh Surjewala, Incharge Communications, AICC has issued the following statement to the press today:-

“Arrival of Pakistani Joint Investigation Team to look into Pathankot Terror Attack, unfettered access being provided and almost red carpet welcome being accorded to the Pakistani team along with visit to Pathankot Airbase without even a ‘Letter Rogatory’ from Pakistan raises serious questions with regard to procedural propriety and genuine apprehensions vis-à-vis compromises on ‘National Security’. Serious questions are also being raised about Modi government’s U-turn in segregation of State and non State actors in Pakistan indulging in export of rampant and senseless terror into India on an everyday basis causing irreparable loss of civilian and military lives.

BJP government must need to evaluate, reflect upon and answer following genuine apprehensions in the mind of Security experts and ordinary people of India:-

1. Prima Facie, it appears to be a case of accused investigating himself.
2. By allowing an official Pakistani team to visit and investigate, BJP Government has, for the first time, distinguished and, therefore, recognized that the Pakistani establishment does not have any role in perpetuating terror in India, more so in context of Pathankot Terror Attack.
3. India has always recognized complete inter-mixing of State and non State actors in export of terror to India. This clear line of ‘no-distinction’ between State and non State actors in Pakistan has been breached suo motu by BJP government in favor of Pakistani Army and ISI. This is despite the fact that Pakistan itself, till now, has only being resorted to an eye wash, as far as this crucial distinction is concerned.
4. What is the guarantee that the State actors, who are represented by Pakistani Investigation Team in India, will not frame the investigation in favour of the non State actors and make our position untenable?
5. Pakistan has not provided a Letter Rogatory for the visit of its team. Since only the letter rogatory would have made the evidence collected/investigation done fit for judicial use/admissibility, one is forced to wonder as to what is the investigation all about, if it is not going to be of any use to nail the supposed non State actors in Pakistani Courts?

Above all, if there is no Letter Rogatory and, therefore, no guarantee of prosecution, what is the real intent of Pakistani Investigation Team ‘s visit?

6. One wonders why is an ISI representative part of the Pakistani Investigation Team?

7. Role of dreaded terrorist organization, notorious for anti-India terror activities i.e. Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) and its Chief Maulana Masood Azhar as also his brother Abdul Rauf (handler of Pathankot Terrorists) is well known and widely accepted. Despite this, Pakistani government has taken no action of either banning or arresting Jaish-e-Mohammad or its Chief Maulana Masood Azhar or the two handlers of Pathankot terrorists i.e. Abdul and Kashif Jaan. Will Pakistan government and Joint Investigation Team promise immediate action to ban and arrest these dreaded terrorists?
8. What steps has Government of India taken to similarly punish perpetrators of Dinanagar, Gurdaspur terrorist attack, where valuable lives including that of a Superintendent of Police of Punjab were lost? What about taking decisive action against Pak terrorists, aided and abated by ISI and other Pakistani establishments, responsible for Udhampur, J&K terrorist attack?

Will this investigation lead to a dead end as in case of 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attack, where despite providing clinching actionable evidence in shape of dossiers to Pakistan, no action has been taken till today either against LeT or Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi or other terrorists? Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi must owe responsibility to answer these questions to the Nation.”