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Dear Sushma Ji,

Sub: Sentencing of Kulbhushan Jadhav by Pakistan and need for decisive steps by India

I write regarding the sentencing of Indian citizen Kulbhushan Jadhav by Pakistan. The Field General Court Martial under which Jadhav has been sentenced is a blatant miscarriage of criminal justice violating the fundamental human rights of a free and fair trial. Clearly, this episode is not accidental but is a deliberate kangaroo court process that Pakistan is well known for. This is evident from the fact that consular access to Jadhav was denied despite repeated requests from India.

As you are aware shortly after the 18 September 2016 Uri attack, I submitted a resolution in Rajya Sabha to Declare Pakistan a Terror State on 21 September 2016. (Copy Encl: Annex i). I also wrote to leaders of all political parties on 26 September 2016 seeking their support to debate and come together to unanimously pass the resolution in the Winter Session of Parliament in 2016. However, the resolution did not come up in Parliament due to the balloting system.

Further, I introduced my Bill: "The Declaration of Countries as Sponsor of Terrorism Bill, 2016" – in Parliament on 18 November 2016. (Copy Encl: Annex -ii). It was debated on two days, 3 February 2017 and 10 March 2017 by many Members across bipartisan lines. The Bill also received overwhelming support from the people across the country and media too. It was later withdrawn on the Government's request and assurance that it would look into the provisions and take necessary steps.

For too long now Pakistan has continued with its ill designs against India. Today, there is complete unanimity that India needs to change the discourse and narrative of its relation with Pakistan and call it out for what it is – a sponsor of terrorism.



Therefore, I urge you to take the initiative and have the Government introduce a similar resolution or Bill to Declare Pakistan a Terror State so that it can get widespread bipartisan support at the earliest.

Sincerely,

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Encl:

- i. Resolution to Declare Pakistan a Terror State
- ii. The Declaration of Countries as Sponsor of Terrorism Bill, 2016