## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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SALE OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA
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## Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US President has okayed the sale of missile technology to China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the latest test of `Ghouri` missile by Pakistan was done with the help of China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether India has taken up the issue of sale of missile technology to China with the US Government; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

## **Answer**

## THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a), (b) According to statements issued in Beijing and Washington on 21.11.2000, in consideration of China's latest promise to strengthen missile-related export controls, the United States has decided to resume processing of licenses necessary for commercial space cooperation between U.S. and Chinese companies.
- (c), (d) The Ghauri is a Pakistani version of the North Korean `Nodong` missile. Pakistan has received M-11 solid fuel missiles from China. It has also acquired technology and components related to guidance and the production of solid fuel missiles, including from China. It is assessed that external assistance to Pakistan's missile programme is continuing.
- (e) & (f) The Government has conveyed to its interlocutors, including the United States, India's security concerns arising from missile proliferation.