

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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STATIONING OF USA TROOPS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the USA have decided to station 65000 of its troops in the Asia Pacific region as a part of strategy to meet any potential threat from some of the major powers of this region; and
- (b) if so, the Government's reaction to the American strategy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) The United States has maintained its military forces, including troops, in the Asia Pacific region for a long time. According to available information, the United States Pacific Command has about 100,000 forward-deployed personnel in the region.
- (b) Government monitors military deployments of all countries in the region and develops its foreign and defence policies taking these factors into account.