

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:974
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NO FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan was urged to declare the `No first Use` of Nuclear weapons as has been announced by India; and
- (b) if so, the response of the Pakistan thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) India has an abiding commitment, voluntarily offered and unconditionally undertaken, for a no first use of nuclear weapons. India has also indicated willingness to strengthen this undertaking by entering into bilateral agreements, including with Pakistan, on `No First Use`.

(b) Pakistan has so far been unwilling to subscribe to a no first use doctrine or to enter into discussions with us on the subject.