

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5873  
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INDIA'S NUCLEAR DOCTRINE  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the U.S. President during his recent visit to South Asia stressed that in the opinion of U.S. a nuclear future was dangerous for India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the context thereof;
- (c) whether he urged New Delhi and Islamabad to roll-back their nuclear programme; and
- (d) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a), (b) No Sir. In his speech to the Joint Session of Parliament on March 22, 2000, President Clinton said that only India can determine its own interests and that India can pursue its defense policies in keeping with its commitment not to seek a nuclear or missile arms race. He also called for turning the Indo-US dialogue into a genuine partnership against proliferation.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise