

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:630
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000
JANE'S REPORT ON KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken note of Jane's Intelligence Digest report that the USA was sponsoring an intensive secret diplomacy to bring India, Pakistan and Kashmir insurgents on the negotiating table to solve the Kashmir issue;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have reacted to it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

[a] Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the report referred to in the Question.

[b] Government does not react to speculative reports appearing in foreign private media. The US State Department spokesman said in response to a question on the report on 7th July that 'I saw those reports, and know, we are not and have not done any such things ... the United States has not changed our approach to Kashmir. We do not see ourselves as mediators'.

[c] & [d] The US Government is well aware of Government's position that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India.