

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RESUMPTION OF ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN BY UK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether U.K Government have decided to resume arms supply to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such a move on the part of U.K Government will affect Indo-U.K relations;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government propose to take up this issue with U.K Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

a) and b) Yes, Sir. On 5th July 2000, Mr. Peter Hain, Minister of State in the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office stated in the British Parliament that that they have `issued 20 standard individual export licenses for a narrow and well defined range of equipment, e.g. naval spares, bomb disposal equipment, goods for civilian end users`

c) to e) Government are disappointed with the decision of the UK Government to issue export licenses for the supply of defence equipment to Pakistan. It believes that the decision is not in consonance with the spirit of the stand taken by the British Government in respect of the situation in Pakistan. Government have conveyed its concerns to the British Government through its High Commission in London.