

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a seminar was held in September 2004 in New Delhi in which participants from 30 countries deliberating upon common security challenges and response operations to them;
- (b) if so, whether this joint seminar was conducted by India and US;
- (c) if so, the main discussions held in the seminar;
- (d) whether any concrete decisions were taken;
- (e) if so, the details of the same; and
- (f) the extent to which it has been helpful for the India's point of view?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Indian Army and the US Army Pacific jointly Co-hosted the Pacific Armies Management Seminar (PAMS) XXVIII during September 6-10, 2004.

(c): While the main theme of the seminar was 'Regional Cooperation in changing environment', discussions were held on the following topics:

- (i) Defining the security environment in the coming decade.
- (ii) Identifying the impact of asymmetrical and non traditional threats on armies.
- (iii) Employing Cooperation to address common security challenges.
- (iv) Identifying cooperative response options to future security challenges.

(d): No.

(e)&(f): The seminar was helpful in improving understanding and appreciation of common security challenges, and preparing for them.