

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1518  
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U.S.-INDIA ANTI-TERRORIST STRATEGIES  
Sule Supriya

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

- (a) whether the USA has expressed India to de-escalate tension on borders with Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (c) whether India has decided to adopt US anti-terrorist strategies to combat terrorism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the assistance being provided by the USA to India in anti-terrorist strategies?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) & (b) The US President speaking to the Press on 19th June, 2009 said - "I believe that there are opportunities that Pakistan and India can be in a dialogue together and over time to try to reduce tensions and find areas of common interest."It has been India's long-standing policy that India-Pakistan relations are a bilateral concern of both countries themselves.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) India and the US have a long standing dialogue on combating terrorism, in which a wide array of issues in the field of counter-terrorism are discussed.