

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2561  
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NUCLEAR TEST BY NORTH KOREA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Nuclear Tests conducted by North Korea recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether in view of such developments, the Government proposes to have internal vigilance to meet any challenge to the national security from any quarter; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) In a statement on 25th May 2009 External Affairs Minister said, "We have seen reports that DPRK has conducted a nuclear test on 25 May 2009. For the DPRK to conduct such a test in violation of its international commitments would be unfortunate. Like others in the international community we are concerned at the adverse effect on peace and security in that region of such tests. We continue to monitor the situation."

(c) & (d) Government monitors all such developments which have a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.