

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PENTAGON'S QUADRENNIAL DEFENCE REVIEW
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the Pentagon's Quadrennial Defence Review 2010 published recently;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether supply of arms to Pakistan by the USA has created tension between the two neighbours; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

- (a) & (b): Yes. Government of India does not react to internal reports of a foreign Government.
- (c) & (d): India has consistently shared her concerns with the US Government on its supply of military equipment to Pakistan. India has reminded the US Government that these supplies have, in the past, been used to augment the conventional military forces of Pakistan trained against India. We have conveyed that these supplies have a negative impact on security in our region.