

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the US proposes to hand out a huge economic and military aid package to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and its impact on India;
- (c) the total package including military aid given to Pakistan by US since the Obama administration took over; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes. The President of the United States of America on 15 October 2009 signed on the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009 which authorizes the US Government to give assistance worth US\$ 1.5 billion per year for the period 2010-2014 to Pakistan to support democratic institutions; Pakistani efforts to expand rule of law; economic freedom and development, counter insurgency efforts and promote control of military institutions by a democratically elected civilian government. The US Administration had announced that it would provide USD 3.2 billion in assistance to Pakistan for fiscal year 2011 including: the above USD 1.5 billion in economic assistance, USD 1.2 billion for Pakistan Counter insurgency Capability Fund (PCCF) and USD 328 million in Foreign Military Financing. It is not clear how much has actually been approved by Congress or actually provided to Pakistan. For the US Fiscal Year October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010, the US has given or committed a total of US \$5 billion in assistance to Pakistan. This included US\$2.23 billion in security assistance and US\$2.77 billion in economic assistance. Subsequent to the US-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue in March, 2010, an assistance package was announced including assistance for Pakistan's energy sector, upgradation of significant infrastructure in North West Pakistan, upgradation of three thermal power plants and flight access for PIA flights to Chicago.

(c): Complete or detailed data is not available with GOI since it pertains to a foreign country's military aid to another country.

(d): Government has consistently drawn the attention of the United States and other countries to the need for proper benchmarks and accountability to prevent the diversion of assistance provided to Pakistan for use in its military build up against India. Government has also stressed the need for constant vigilance as also close monitoring of such assistance being provided.