GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5381 ANSWERED ON:28.04.2010 US ARMS USED AGAINST INDIA Namdhari Shri Inder Singh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ex-President of Pakistan has disclosed in London that arms supplied to Pakistan by USA for combating Talibans have been diverted against India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (d) the measures taken or being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Government has seen reports that former President of Pakistan General Musharraf admitted in September 2009 that US aid to Pakistan for fighting terror was used during his tenure to strengthen Pakistan's 'defences' against India. Government has consistently conveyed its concerns to the US Government regarding the diversion of US military aid meant for counter- insurgency operations by Pakistan towards acquisition of weapons for deployment against India. The US Government has noted our concerns. Government remains fully vigilant and takes all necessary steps to safeguard India's security and national interests.