

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHINA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the nuclear agreement concluded between China and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has held any talks in this regard with China;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Indian Government to safeguard the interests of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to reports that during Pakistan President Zardari's visit to China in October 2008, both countries had concluded an agreement for construction of two additional nuclear power plants. The matter was raised at the official level with China, which has responded that its nuclear cooperation with Pakistan is for peaceful purposes, consistent with China's international obligations and subject to IAEA safeguards and supervision.
- (e) Government continuously monitors developments having a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard it.