

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO- PAK NUCLEAR DETERRENT BALANCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether US Secretary of State has said that India and Pakistan have upset nuclear deterrent balance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereupon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Speaking at the University of Louisville on 9th April 2010, the US Secretary of State said, in response to a question, that "Other countries that have pursued nuclear weapons, like India and Pakistan, for example, have done so in a way that has upset the balance of nuclear deterrence, and that is why we are working with both countries to make sure that their nuclear stockpiles are well tended to and that they participate with us in trying to limit the number of nuclear weapons."

(c) India and the US are engaged in an ongoing dialogue as part of the shared commitment to building an enhanced bilateral strategic partnership. This dialogue enables both sides to exchange views on a range of security issues including nuclear non-proliferation and their shared vision of a world free of nuclear weapons.