

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PAK PM STATEMENT ON KASHMIR
Gangaram Shri Awale Jaywant

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's Prime Minister has equated Palestine to Kashmir as reported in the Media; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government has seen media reports that Prime Minister of Pakistan during a meeting with the Palestinian President in Feb 2010 said that people of Palestine and Kashmir are fighting for their right of self-determination and Pakistan remains committed to peaceful settlement of all issues-be it the Palestine or Kashmir-through peaceful means and dialogue.

The entire state of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India by virtue of its accession to India in 1947. The Government is committed to resolving all issues with Pakistan through peaceful negotiations and bilateral dialogue.