

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY SUPPORT TO 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 to the increasing military support extended to Pakistan by various countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government see any possibility of misusing this support, extended for fighting terrorism, against India;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government has raised this apprehension with any of the countries; and
- (f) if so, their response in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): Government is aware that various countries have extended military support to Pakistan.

Government has consistently drawn the attention of the concerned countries to the need for proper bench marks and accountability to prevent the diversion of assistance provided to Pakistan for use against India. Government has also stressed the need for constant vigilance as also close monitoring of such assistance being provided.

Government remains fully vigilant and takes all necessary steps to safeguard India`s security and national interests.