GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the aid presently provided by the United States of America to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has lodged any protest over the reported misutilisation of the assistance;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the US Government thereto; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to safeguard Indian interests?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) According to official U.S. sources, between 2002-10 Pakistan received US\$12.5 billion as security assistance and reimbursement of approximately US\$6 billion as economic assistance. However, the United States has recently announced its intention to provide a security assistance of approximately US\$ 2.7 billion between 2012-16 to Pakistan.
- (c) Government of India has consistently expressed its concern to the United States about the adverse impact of its military assistance to Pakistan.
- (d) The United States is aware of India's concerns with regard to security assistance to Pakistan. In 2009, the United States passed the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act, which, inter alia, stipulates that Pakistan should close terrorist camps including those of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Muhmmed; cease all support to extremism and terrorist groups; and, prevent attacks into neighbouring countries. The US has also conveyed that it will seek to ensure that its security assistance to Pakistan is not utilized against India.
- (e) Government of India takes all necessary steps to safeguard India's interest.