

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR WEAPON
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Washington based Institute for Science and International Security has reported on the basis of newly obtained satellite imagery a step-up in the pace of nuclear weapons development activity in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, the Government has seen report of Institute of Science and International Security, Washington regarding Pakistan's activities relating to its nuclear weapons programme.

(b) The Government continuously monitors all developments having a bearing on national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard it.