GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether America has asked Pakistan to have dialogue with India on the controversial issue of Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of India;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regards;
- (c) whether India has registered its discontentment to American in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the response of America in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a bilateral dialogue. During the visit of US President Obama to India from 6-9 November 2010, President Obama reiterated the United States position that while it welcomes dialogue between India and Pakistan, it recognises that the disputes between India and Pakistan should be resolved by the two countries.