GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4728 ANSWERED ON:08.12.2010 PAKISTAN IN FAKE CURRENCY RACKET Ray Shri Rudramadhab

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has collected concrete evidence against Pakistan for allegedly printing and circulating fake Indian currency notes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) its likely impact on Indo-Pak relations?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) As per available inputs, instances of smuggling of Fake Indian Currency Notes

(FICNs) from Pakistan into India in large quantities have been reported. The issue of printing and circulation of FICNs has been taken up on a number of occasions with Pakistan, including during the Foreign Secretary level talks held in Islamabad on June 24, 2010 and Foreign Minister level talks on July 15, 2010. In these meetings, it was conveyed that we expect a crackdown on printing and supply of FICNs from Pakistan, as an important step towards building trust and confidence.