

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PAK NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has been augmenting its nuclear arsenal and has added 40 to 100 additional weapons in the last few years as reported recently;
- (b) whether Pakistan has reportedly the fifth largest nuclear arsenal in the world;
- (c) the manner in which it impacts the regional security situation in South Asia especially given the fluid political situation in Pakistan;
- (d) whether these developments directly impact the minimum credible deterrent that India has put in place and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether India believe that as was with the US and USSR during the cold war there should be an interaction between Indian and Pakistani strategic force commanders; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): The Government have seen reports relating to the nuclear weapons programme of Pakistan. India's nuclear doctrine and security preparedness is geared to meet all its current and future security needs and challenge. The Government remains committed to taking all necessary measures to meet any security threat.