

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3606

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MISUTILISATION OF U.S. AID TO PAKISTAN AGAINST INDIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has expressed its concern with the U.S.administration of the fact that the US aid to Pakistan is being misutilized for activities against India;

(b) if so, the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government of India in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes. We have conveyed our concerns to the US regarding the risk of diversion of US military aid meant for counter insurgency operations by Pakistan towards acquisition of conventional weapons by Pakistan for their deployment against India. The US Government have noted our concerns.

(c) Government of India is committed to the steps that are necessary to safeguard the nation's security.