

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the statement issued by a nuclear physicist of Pakistan that his country is not capable of keeping nuclear weapons safe;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to take the issue with international nuclear forum so that the Pak nuclear arsenals do not fall into wrong hands;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the Government's plan for security of the country in that eventuality?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Government has seen reports regarding the safety of Pakistani nuclear weapons. Government hopes that the Government of Pakistan will continue to take steps for securing its nuclear assets. In the context of international discussions on nuclear security matters, India has raised concerns regarding the danger of nuclear explosives or fissile material falling into the hands of non-state actors and terrorists. Government monitors all developments having a bearing on national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard it.