

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONCERN OVER CHINA-PAK RELATIONS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is concerned about the increasing closeness of Pakistan and China;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to safeguard the sovereignty and strengthen defence mechanism of India?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) There are some aspects of China-Pakistan relationship which are of concern. These include matters relating to Sino-Pak nuclear cooperation activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and other matters of security concern. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on national security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.