GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4409 ANSWERED ON:21.12.2011 MILITARY TRAINING Agarwal Shri Jai Prakash

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that other countries including America are imparting military training in the neighbouring countries of India;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years;

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(d) whether India has raised or proposes to raise the issue in international fora; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) Government is aware of military cooperation of other countries, including the United States, with our neighbouring countries, including in the form of military training and exercises. Government monitors all developments relating to India's national interest and takes necessary measures to safeguard them. India has strong and growing defence cooperation with the United States, including regular dialogue on defence matters. During these discussions, the two sides have discussed U.S. military cooperation in India's neighbourhood. India has not raised this issue in any international forum.