GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5407 ANSWERED ON:09.05.2012 THREAT FROM SINO PAK ALLIANCE Singh Kunwar Rewati Raman

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that China is constantly helping Pakistan to develop its nuclear reactors and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Pakistan is eyeing the latest nuclear power technology developed by China and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any serious threat is looming large over our security in view of all these developments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Government is aware of China-Pakistan nuclear cooperation and has clearly conveyed its concerns to the Chinese side. The Chinese side has said that China and Pakistan have conducted some cooperation in nuclear energy for civilian use, which is consistent with their respective international obligations, completely for peaceful purposes and subject to IAEA safeguard and supervision. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.