

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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US PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of United States of America (USA) lifting all bans imposed by them on Pakistan and it is now providing financial and military assistance to it;
- (b) if so, whether India has lodged its protest with USA in this regard; and
- (c) the extent to which USA has succeeded in building pressure on Pakistan to stop its terrorist activities in India?

Answer

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

(a) The Government has seen reports regarding resumption of reimbursements by the United States to Pakistan under the Coalition Support Funds. According to official U.S. sources, the United States continues to appropriate security and economic assistance to Pakistan which amounted to USD 15.4 billion during the period 2002-2012. The U.S. also provided USD 9.9 billion to Pakistan under the Coalition Support Funds as reimbursements for its support of U.S. military operations during the same period.

(b) & (c) The Government has consistently drawn the attention of the United States and other countries to the need for proper benchmarks, accountability and vigilance to ensure that security assistance provided to Pakistan does not adversely affect India. The United States has conveyed that it will seek to ensure that its security assistance to Pakistan is used for countering terrorism and is not directed against India. The Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act, passed by the United States in 2009, stipulates that Pakistan should close terrorist camps including those of Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed; cease all support to extremism and terrorist groups; and, prevent attacks into neighbouring countries. In addition, the U.S. has designated under its domestic laws and regulations a number of Pakistan-based organizations and individuals of concern to India, including Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Harkat-ul-Mujahideen, and their leaders.