

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:689

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NUCLEAR WEAPONISATION BY NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the neighbouring countries are developing and strengthening their nuclear weaponisation programmes;
- (b) if so, whether such activities are in consonance with peace-keeping measures in the region;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the nation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d) Government has seen reports about the nuclear weapons programmes in our neighbouring countries. Government continuously monitors all developments having a bearing on India's national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard it.