

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2624  
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NUCLEAR TEST BY NORTH KOREA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken a serious view of the nuclear test done by North Korea recently as an act which has adverse impact on peace and stability in the region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India suspects Pakistan of helping North Korea to develop its uranium enrichment programme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) conducted a nuclear test on 12 February 2013. The Government of India expressed deep concern on the nuclear test, noted that DPRK acted in violation of its international commitments and called upon it to refrain from such actions which adversely impact peace and stability in the region.

(c) & (d) The Government has highlighted the role of clandestine proliferation activities in international fora from time to time. The Government monitors all developments which have a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.