

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR STOCKPILE BY PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan is increasing its nuclear stockpile; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) Government has seen reports in the public domain regarding Pakistan's expansion of its nuclear stockpile. These reports indicate that Pakistan is expanding its capacity to produce fissile material for nuclear weapons and enhancing its nuclear weapons delivery capabilities. Government continues to monitor all such developments and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard India's security.