

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF US SECRETARY OF STATE  
Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her visit to this region called upon India to resolve all outstanding differences with Pakistan bilaterally for mutual benefits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of the support offered by the US to help resolve the differences between the two countries; and
- (d) the issues identified for such resolution?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIS. M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) During her visit to Pakistan in October 2009, US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton said that USA would like to see India and Pakistan resolve their outstanding differences. She added that USA would encourage both countries to address the problems that only India and Pakistan can resolve.

(c) & (d) The Government of USA has stated recently that it is up to India and Pakistan to resolve bilateral issues between the two countries. USA has called upon Pakistan to take action against the Mumbai terrorist attack suspects, end cross-border infiltration and ensure that Pakistan is not used as a platform for terrorists to attack either India or other neighbouring countries.