

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR ARSENAL OF PAKISTAN
Patel Shri Deoraj Singh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is concerned over the fact that Taliban and Al-Qaeda have an eye on Pakistan's nuclear arsenal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Government has seen reports that the Taliban and Al Qaeda are keen to acquire nuclear weapons or nuclear materials. Government hopes that Pakistan Government will continue to take steps for securing its nuclear assets.
- (c) Government continues to monitor all developments related to Pakistan's nuclear programme and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard India's security.