

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BLOCKING AID TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has taken any steps to convince the US to block financial aid to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the facts and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the reaction of the US Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) The Government closely monitors funding made to Pakistan by the United States and has consistently drawn the attention of the United States Government to the need for proper benchmarks and accountability to prevent the diversion of security assistance provided to Pakistan for use in its military buildup against India. Since terrorism emanating from territory under Pakistan's control remains a core concern for India, Government has sensitized the US Government in interactions at all levels, about the need for constant vigilance as also close monitoring of such assistance being provided. The United States has conveyed that it has put in place end-use monitoring mechanisms to ensure that its security assistance to Pakistan is used solely for counter terrorism-related purposes.