

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS
Nath Shri Chand

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Pakistan has developed a heavy water reactor capable of manufacturing micro plutonium based atomic weapons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to counter the said challenge?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes. Government of India is aware that Pakistan is operating nuclear reactors at Khushab capable of producing plutonium for use in Pakistan's nuclear weapons. According to reports the 4th such reactor has just become operational.

(c) Government is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard India's interests on the basis of India's national security requirements.