

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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F-16 to Pakistan

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has lodged any protest with the USA over reported sale of F-16s fighter jets to Pakistan; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): India has expressed disappointment at the decision of the United States Government to notify the sale of F-16 aircrafts to Pakistan. India does not agree with the US rationale that such arms transfers help to combat terrorism. The US Ambassador was summoned by the Ministry of External Affairs to convey India's displeasure.
