GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4896 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2014 END USE MONITORING AGREEMENT Patil Shri Shivaji Adhalrao;Shrirang Shri Chandu Barne

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has signed an End-Use Monitoring Agreement (EUMA) with the US and if so, the salient features of the same;
- (b) whether concerns have been voiced against the said agreement by certain quarters in India and if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Since the late 1990s, the Governments of India and the United States have entered into end-use monitoring arrangements for the import of US high-technology defence equipment and supplies. Although a formal Agreement was not signed, a generic formulation was agreed in 2009 between India and the United States for such future supplies that India chooses to procure to give predictability in what was otherwise an ad-hoc case by case arrangement for procurement of defence technology and equipment from the US.

There is no provision in the 2009 End Use Monitoring formulation with the United States for any unilateral action by the United States with regard to inspection or related matters. It provides for joint consultations on modalities; in no way does it compromise our sovereignty, or limit our sovereign choice of whether, where and what we choose to buy for our national defence or scientific establishments. The arrangements to which we have agreed are fully in consonance with our sovereignty and national interest.