

Title: Regarding reported statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister requesting US to declare Pakistan as a terrorist State.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, in today's newspaper, there is another important news item which has appeared. It has been stated that our newly-appointed Deputy Prime Minister made a request to the United States Government to declare Pakistan as a terrorist State. *â€¦(Interruptions)* I think the request was renewed. I do not know who has given the authority for the United States to declare a particular State as a terrorist State. Why has he made that request? I do not know the reasons for that. Anyhow, he has made the request. *â€¦(Interruptions)* On behalf of India, the Deputy-Prime Minister made that request. The United States Government, probably, turned down the request. It is not only that. They have declared that Pakistan is a stalwart ally in the fight against terrorism. So, Pakistan is declared to be a stalwart ally of the United States. Further, Pakistan is being financed by the World Bank. It is getting enough money from the United States. Pakistan has been strengthened by the attitude of the United States Government.

The tragedy is that the managers in the External Affairs Ministry bank upon the United States as the only country to help in this matter. They have thrown open our defence forces. Joint military exercises are being conducted in India throwing open our defence secrets to that country. We consider Pakistan our enemy and they consider Pakistan as their strongest ally. Pakistan always considers the United States as a very friendly country.

Sir, this is a very serious issue. It is an insult to the hon. Prime Minister. He is a newly-appointed Deputy Prime Minister and he has made that request. The hon. Minister must respond to my request. *â€¦(Interruptions)*

प्रो. रासा सिंह रावत (अजमेर) : हमें अमेरिका पर ज्यादा भरोसा नहीं करना चाहिए। बिल्ली थैली से बाहर आ गई है और हमें पता लग चुका है कि उसके थैले में क्या है। अमेरिका अब तक कहता था कि वह दुनिया के सब देशों को साथ लेकर आतंकवाद का मुकाबला करेगा। लेकिन पाकिस्तान जैसे आतंकवादी देश को आतंकवादी देशों की सूची में सम्मिलित करने से उसने इनकार कर दिया है और वह पाकिस्तान को आतंकवादी देश मानने को तैयार नहीं है। उसने यह भी कहा है कि पाकिस्तान हमारा सहयोगी है। अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके माध्यम से सरकार से प्रार्थना करना चाहूंगा कि भारत के विरुद्ध पाकिस्तान के द्वारा जो आतंकवादी गति वधियां चलाई जा रही हैं, उनका मुंहतोड़ जवाब देना चाहिए और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ताकतों की ओर हमें मुंह नहीं ताकना चाहिए।

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, this being an important matter, let the hon. Minister bring it to the notice of our External Affairs Minister. Mr. Minister, what do you say about this? *â€¦(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: He has taken note of this matter.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : This is a very important issue. He must respond to my request. *â€¦(Interruptions)* It must be responded to.