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## **QUESTION NO.3216 CLOSENESS OF RUSSIA, PAKISTAN AND CHINA**

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### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3216 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2016

#### CLOSENESS OF RUSSIA, PAKISTAN AND CHINA

3216. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner India looks at Russia, Pakistan and China coming closer and closer;

(b) whether it is because of India moving towards the United States of America (USA); and

(c) what would be the result of newer combinations and how India is planning to go ahead with formation of such new group?

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

(a) to (c) Government of India as a matter of policy does not comment on third country relationships. It pursues an independent foreign policy driven by India's national interests. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard its interests.

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