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QUESTION NO.3209 SUPPORT OF USA ON INDUS WATER TREATY

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2017

SUPPORT OF USA ON INDUS WATER TREATY

3209. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has also sought the support of the United States of America (USA) on the implementation of the Indus Water Treaty with India;
- (b) if so, Indian Government's reaction thereto and the initiative taken by the USA administration; and
- (c) the extent to which the World Bank has agreed to the ways suggested by India in this regard?

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

(a) & (b) The Government's consistent position has been that it remains committed to addressing all matters within the Indus Waters Treaty's (IWT) purview bilaterally with Pakistan through appropriate mechanisms in accordance with the IWT. Pakistan is believed to have raised IWT matters with other countries, including the US.

(c) On November 10, 2016, the Government had pointed out the legal untenability of the World Bank launching two simultaneous processes for appointment of a Neutral Expert – requested by India, and establishment of a Court of Arbitration – requested by Pakistan to adjudicate technical differences between India and Pakistan on Kishenganga and Ralte projects. On December 10, 2016, the Bank temporarily halted the two processes. World Bank has engaged both India and Pakistan on the matter. The Government has conveyed to the World Bank that it is in the interest of all parties to ensure workability of the Treaty and its time-tested mechanisms.



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