GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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Nuclear Arsenal by Pakistan

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(a) whether Pakistan is expanding its nuclear arsenal and has developed warheads for its delivery as well as converting some of its fighter jets to deliver nukes and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Pakistan will become the world's fifth largest nuclear weapon state in 2025, if the current trend continue;

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto; and

(d) the corrective measures taken / being taken by the Government to meet the country's defence requirement and enhance the nuclear capability?

Will the Minister of DEFENCEbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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(a) to (d):Government is aware of reports on the expansion of Pakistan's capability for fissile material production for nuclear weapons, the expansion in its delivery system capabilities and purported development of tactical nuclear weapons. Government continues to monitor development in this regard and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard national security and respond to any threat suitably and adequately.

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