GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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RAJYA SABHA

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US arms sale to Pakistan

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(a) whether it is true that India has taken up the issue of US arms sale to Pakistan with the US Defence Secretary, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the US has given any valid reasons for its sale of arms to Pakistan; and

(c) whether it is also true that India has categorically made it clear to US that any arms sale to Pakistan by US only disturb the peace of this region?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Government of India closely monitors all military aid authorised by the United States to Pakistan and regularly takes up our concerns in this regard in our interactions with the US Government agencies at appropriate levels. Government has sensitized the United States of our concerns on US military sales to Pakistan including during the meetings with US Secretary of Defense during his recent visit to India in June 2015. India has consistently conveyed to the United States that it must take into account India-US relations and the impact on India's security in deciding its military assistance to Pakistan.

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