

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
USE OF AMERICAN AID BY PAKISTAN .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards decision of USA to dole out more American dollars to Islamabad without any strings attached;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether Government is aware that Pakistan Government has been diverting American-civilian and military aid to finance terrorism and arms against India which has been confirmed by the ex-President of Pakistan in a television interview; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) The President of the United States of America on 15 October 2009 signed on the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009 which authorizes the US Government to give assistance worth US\$ 1.5 billion per year for the coming five years (2010-2014) to Pakistan. The assistance is meant to support democratic institutions; efforts to expand rule of law; economic freedom and development, counter insurgency efforts and promote control of military institutions by a democratically elected civilian government. The law, however, is not without conditions as it prohibits such funds being made available to Pakistan unless the Pakistan Assistance Strategy Report has been submitted to the Congress stating that the country is making substantial progress towards US objectives. It also requires a certification from the Secretary of State to say that the Government of Pakistan is cooperating with the US to dismantle supplier networks relating to nuclear material and is making significant efforts towards combating terrorism.

(c) & (d) Yes. Government has expressed its concern to the US on Pakistan's diversion of US assistance for its military build up against India. We have stressed the need for vigilance as also close monitoring of such assistance being provided.