

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.12  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

**ATOMIC THREAT TO INDIA**

**12. SHRI S. P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:  
SHRI C. S. PUTTA RAJU:**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some top ranking Pakistani leaders in the recent past have threatened use of atom bomb against India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes.**
- (b) Pakistan's Federal Minister of Defence Khwaja Muhammad Asif in a recent interview to a Pakistani television channel while responding to a question whether Pakistan would use nuclear weapons in case of a war, stated that "in defence of Pakistan, for the safety of the country, we may use nuclear weapons, if required". He has made similar statements in the past as well.**
- (c) Government monitors all developments which have a bearing on national security and takes all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.**

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