

Production of nuclear weapon by Pakistan

†361. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is speeding up the work of generating nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the other nations of the world have also expressed the same view in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of the countries and the organisations that have expressed the above views?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) The Government have seen reports of scholars and think tanks such as Institute for Science and International Security, Washington regarding Pakistan's activities relating to its nuclear weapons programme, including operation and construction of new nuclear reactors and other facilities. The Government is also aware of views of various countries and organizations that have expressed views on Pakistan's nuclear activities.

Talks with Sri Lankan President

362. SHRI D RAJA:

SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any talks with the Sri Lankan President Mahindra Rajapaksa during his visit to India to take part in the closing ceremony of Commonwealth Games on the issue of rehabilitation of Tamils in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) and (b) President Mahindra Rajapaksa of Sri Lanka visited India from 14-15 October, 2010. He was here to participate in the Closing Ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2010. He also called on Prime Minister. Both leaders reviewed developments after President Rajapaksa's visit in June, 2010 to India.

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