

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:725

ANSWERED ON:27.07.2000

CHINESE THREAT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item published in the Tribune (English) dated July 3, 2000 wherein vide a UN report, India's security has reportedly been threatened by China;

(b) if so, whether the Government have analysed the Report and its impact on our Nation's Security; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to safeguard the country from such threats? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 725 FOR 27.7.2000

Government have seen the newsitem published in The Tribune (English) dated 3.7.2000 about the reported Chinese threat to India's security.

2. Government are aware of China's assistance to Pakistani in modernising her defence industries. Chinese collaboration with Pakistan's defence production units is fairly comprehensive. Besides assisting Pakistan in its nuclear and missile development programmes, bilateral collaboration between the two countries in the field of defence has also expanded into areas such as main battle tanks, surface-to-air missiles, anti-tank guided missiles and electronic warfare systems.

3. Government remain vigilant and take all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.