

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1824
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JOINING OF U.S. UNIVERSITY BY FORMER CHIEF OF DRDO
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the former Chief of Defence Research and Development Organisation and Scientific Advisor to the Government has joined an American University after retirement;
- (b) if so, whether the said American University is involved in the US Defence Research Programme;
- (c) whether the former Chief of D.R.D.O. was permitted to join US University; and
- (d) if so, the precautions taken to ensure that country's Defence secrets are not revealed in any manner at any stage?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Dr. VS Arunachalam, the former Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and subsequently the Director General, Aeronautical Development Agency was granted permission to go on extra-ordinary leave to pursue scientific research and to accept assignment as a Distinguished Services Professor at Carnegie Mellon University, USA. He continued in the same university after his retirement. The Government are not aware of involvement of Carnegie Mellon University, USA in any US defence research programme.

(d) Provisions already exist in various statutory enactments which prohibit former Government servants from indulging in disclosure of any secret information affecting prejudicially the sovereignty and integrity of India and the security of the State.