We have heard the news of Pakistan's nuclear tests. Full facts are being ascertained. Pakistan's nuclear tests have confirmed what has been known all along - that that country has been in possession of nuclear weapons. This event vindicates our assessment, and our policy as well as the measures that have been taken. We expect that those who disagreed with us will reassess their stand.

The Government have taken all steps necessary for safeguarding the nation's security.

New Delhi,
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