Restrictions on Pakistan

Why in news?

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US Congress proposed restrictions on Pakistan for its role in fuelling terror in Afghanistan.

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What is the need for such restrictions?

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- Country Report of Terrorism, 2016 has noted that Pakistan has failed to take action against the Afghan Taliban and Haqqani Network.
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- These networks continue to operate from “Pakistan based safe havens”.
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- Pakistan government did not take any significant action against the Lashkar-e-toiba and Jaish-e-mohamadi who are responsible for terror activities in India.
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- The US is now proposing closer oversight of how US funds for Afghanistan are utilised by the Afghan government.
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What are the decisions of US over Pakistan?

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- **Sanctions -** The US legislation proposes imposing graduated diplomatic, military and economic costs on Pakistan as long as it continues to provide support and sanctuary to terrorist links.
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- **Assistance -** It plans for assistance to Pakistan for terminating support for all terrorist and insurgent groups.
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- **Diplomatic ties -** US calls for working through flexible frameworks for regional dialogue, together with Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, India, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and other nations.
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