

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF EX-FOREIGN SECRETARY OF PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the former foreign Secretary of Pakistan visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the purpose and nature thereof;
- (c) the names of the persons with whom he held discussions;
- (d) the issues which were discussed;
- (e) the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the likely impact of the discussions on Indo-Pak relations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)-(e) Government is aware that a former Pakistan Foreign Secretary visited India recently. This was a private visit to attend a Seminar and had no connection with India-Pakistan relations.

(f) Does not arise.