

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1388  
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2003  
PROPOSAL OF CEASEFIRE BY PAKISTAN  
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;V. VETRISELVAN

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Pakistan has offered a proposal of ceasefire along the LoC ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Prime Minister of Pakistan, in his address on November 23, 2003 announced, inter alia, that Pakistan Armed Forces deployed along the Line of Control (LOC) have been issued instructions to ceasefire along the LOC with effect from Eid-al-Fitr.

(c) India, on November 24, 2003 welcomed the Pakistani decision and announced that it would respond positively. However, it was made clear that in order to establish a full ceasefire on a durable basis, there must be an end to infiltration from across the Line of Control. To take this process further, India also proposed a ceasefire along the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) in Siachen. Subsequently, the Director General Military Operations of the two countries agreed to observe a ceasefire with effect from midnight of November 25, 2003 along the International Border, LOC and AGPL in Jammu & Kashmir.