

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2252
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003
RESUMPTION OF AIR LINKS WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have agreed to resume airlinks;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement signed ;
- (c) whether Pakistan has put some conditions for allowing over-flights of Indian aircraft over its airspace; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) During the technical level talks on the resumption of Civil Aviation links that were held in New Delhi on 1 December 2003, India and Pakistan agreed to resume simultaneous direct air links and overflights with effect from 1 January 2004 on a reciprocal basis.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.