

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:442
ANSWERED ON:26.08.2004
MEETING OF INDO-PAK CULTURAL SECRETARIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Culture Secretaries of India and Pakistan met in New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any MoU has been signed between the two countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 442 FOR 26.8.2004 BY SHRI RAJENDER KUMAR AND SHRI NAKUL DAS RAI REGARDING `MEETING OF INDO-PAK CULTURAL SECRETARIES`.

(a) & (b) : Secretary(Culture) level talks between India and Pakistan on `Promotion of Friendly Exchanges in Various Fields` were held in New Delhi on August 3-4, 2004, within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. Both sides made wide-ranging proposals for promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation in the fields of art, culture, archaeology, education, science and technology, youth affairs and sports, media and tourism. Views were also exchanged on liberalizing the Visa regime and expanding the scope of the 1974 bilateral Protocol on visits to Religious Shrines by increasing the number of pilgrims and shrines on both sides.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.