

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RELIEF OPERATION ALONG LINE OF CONTROL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of persons crossing the border daily with the opening of the same by the Government along the Line of Control for relief operations;
- (b) Whether this facility has been provided without the requirement of passports;
- (c) If so, the procedure being followed for the identification of Pakistani citizens entering India; and
- (d) The preventive steps under taken to check the terrorists from entering India under the pretext of getting relief?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) : So far, 106 Indian and 11 Pakistani nationals have used the five crossing points across LoC opened from 7 November 2005.
- (b) to (d): Each crossing point across the Line of Control is open for traffic on specific days as per an agreed schedule between the two countries. The movement of people through these crossing point is based on entry permits issued after obtaining details of the individuals and verifying their identities and other information, as is normally done for a passport and visa. Government has taken security implications of opening the crossing points into account and people and goods are able to cross over only after due procedure and checks have been completed.