

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3148
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VISIT OF PAK PRESIDENT TO WITNESS CRICKET MATCH
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the President of Pakistan has expressed his desire to witness a cricket match in India, if invited, in the on-going cricket series between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to extend a formal invitation to him to watch a match; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Yes, Sir, Government has extended an invitation and President Musharraf has accepted to come to India to watch the One Day International to be played in Delhi on April 17, 2005.