

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1478

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INDO-PAK TALKS

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

(a) whether USA has suggested India and Pakistan to resume talks for broader and deeper mutual relationship; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has stated that - "We believe that India and Pakistan actually face a number of common challenges, and we welcome a dialogue between them. As we have said before, the pace, scope and character of that dialogue is something that Indian and Pakistani leaders will decide on their own terms and in their own time."