

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MEETING OF FOREIGN SECRETARIES OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan intend to resume bilateral talks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Foreign Secretaries of both the countries are likely to meet in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the issues likely to be addressed during the meeting?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Subsequent to the Prime Minister's statement in the Parliament on 9th June 2009, Prime Minister met the President of Pakistan on the sidelines of the SCO-BRIC summit in Yekaterinburg on 16th June 2009 and conveyed India's expectation that the Government of Pakistan will honour its commitments to take strong and effective action to prevent the use of Pakistani territory for terrorist attacks on India. It was agreed that the two Foreign Secretaries would discuss the primary issue of terrorism before the leaders of India and Pakistan met on the sidelines of the NAM summit at Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt in mid-July 2009.