

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:618  
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RESUMPTION OF INDO-PAK TALKS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Pakistan has sought the resumption of talks between the two countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government of India thereto;
- (c) whether any dates have been fixed for holding the talks; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI S.M.KRISHNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) 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.