

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2812  
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OPENING OF KARGIL SKARDOO ROAD  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open Kargil-Skardoo Road between India and Pakistan for improving trade ties;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof;
- (c) whether any fresh initiative has been taken to hold dialogues at Prime Minister level for resolving pending contentious issues, including enduring peace in Jammu & Kashmir; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): India has proposed to Pakistan for opening of a road link between Kargil and Skardu, on a number of occasions. During the meeting between PM and President of Pakistan on 24-09-2008 on the margins of United Nations General Assembly in New York, it was decided that modalities for the opening of the Kargil-Skardu route would be discussed soon.
- (c): There is no such proposal before Government at present.
- (d): Does not arise.