

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Foreign Minister of Pakistan had sent some "suggestions" to New Delhi regarding the agenda of possible talks between him and the External Affairs Minister of India;
- (b) if so, the details of these "suggestions";
- (c) the reasons for not having any meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India and Pakistan during the meeting of UNGA; and
- (d) the roadmap for further talks between India and Pakistan?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) During a meeting between External Affairs Minister (EAM) and Pakistan's Foreign Minister on July 15, 2010 in Islamabad, the two Ministers reviewed the current state of bilateral relations and discussed steps to promote trust and confidence. The discussions enabled both the countries to develop a better understanding of each others' position on various issues. India has consistently advocated a step-by-step, graduated and forward looking approach to expanding dialogue to cover all issues of mutual interest and concern. Despite differences of opinion on the way forward on a few issues, there was a broad understanding on a number of other issues. Pakistan's Foreign Minister has accepted EAM's invitation to visit Delhi at a suitable date to be decided through diplomatic channels.