

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3593
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PRISONERS OF WAR
Jindal Shri Naveen

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Pakistan has been in denial of the existence of prisoners of wars in their jails;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has raised this vexed issue with the UN Human Rights Commission and with the International Red Cross;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Government has repeatedly taken up the matter with Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels and during high-level contacts between India and Pakistan for the release of Indian Prisoners of War believed to be in Pakistan. However, Pakistan does not acknowledge the presence of any Indian Prisoners of War in its custody.
- (c) No
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a bilateral dialogue.