

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4814  
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TRACK II DIPLOMACY  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has an informal channel of communication with Pakistan on the Jammu & Kashmir issue; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) There are informal channels of communication between India and Pakistan, also referred to as 'Track II' in popular parlance and in the media to describe the exchanges between academics, scholars, journalists etc. from the two countries. These meetings, which take place on a broad range of subjects, including Jammu & Kashmir, are not official in nature.