GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5689 ANSWERED ON:07.09.2011 RESOLVING KASHMIR DISPUTE Singh Alias Pappu Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has recently expressed its willingness to find an amicable solution to the outstanding issues including Jammu and Kashmir with India;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (c) whether Pakistan has also asked USA to do everything in its power to resolve the Kashmir dispute;
- (d) if so, whether the Government intends to involve any other country in resolving various outstanding issues; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (e) During the Foreign Minister level talks between India and Pakistan held on July 27, 2011, in New Delhi, the two Ministers also held discussions on the issue of Jammu & Kashmir and agreed to the need for continued discussions, in a purposeful and forward looking manner, with a view to finding a peaceful solution by narrowing divergences and building convergences. India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a bilateral dialogue. There is no scope for any third party role or mediation.