

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Pakistan paid a visit to India in the month of July, 2011;

(b) if so, the details of points discussed/raised and the agreements signed during the said visit and the reaction of the two countries thereto;

(c) whether the talks between the two leaders were successful;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any future plan has been chalked out for further talks/cooperation and to negotiate the outstanding issues particularly terrorism; and

(f) if so, the details thereof? ANSWER MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to

(f)

Answer

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan visited India from July 26-28, 2011 and held discussions with External Affairs Minister (EAM) in New Delhi on July 27, 2011. The Ministers reviewed the status of bilateral relations, expressed satisfaction on the holding of various Secretary level meetings and affirmed the importance of carrying forward the dialogue process with a view to resolving peacefully all outstanding issues. They agreed that terrorism poses a continuing threat to peace and security and reiterated the firm and undiluted commitment of the two countries to fight and eliminate this scourge in all its forms and manifestations and in this regard agreed on the need to strengthen cooperation on counter-terrorism to bring those responsible for terror crimes to justice. The Ministers decided to resume the work of the India-Pakistan Joint Commission. The Ministers agreed to convene separate expert level meetings on Nuclear and Conventional Confidence Building Measures (CBMs), in Islamabad in September 2011. The Ministers also agreed to the continuation of the dialogue process and to convene a series of Secretary level meetings on all issues, prior to the visit of EAM to Pakistan in the first half of 2012.