

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1608
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STATUS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN RELATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the confidence building measures between India and Pakistan;
- (b) whether a delegation from the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) assembly is planning to visit Pak occupied Kashmir; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) During the Foreign Secretary levels talks held in Islamabad on June 24, 2011, both sides decided to convene separate Expert level meetings on Nuclear and Conventional Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) to discuss implementation and strengthening of existing arrangements and to consider additional measures, which are mutually acceptable, to build trust and confidence and promote peace and security. The issue was also discussed during the meeting between External Affairs Minister and Pakistan's Foreign Minister held on July 27, 2011 in New Delhi and both sides agreed to convene separate expert level meetings on Nuclear and Conventional CBMs on a mutually convenient date. Further, during the meeting, the Ministers decided on several Confidence Building Measures aimed at strengthening and streamlining trade and travel arrangements across the Line of Control.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.