

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF BORDER WITH PAKISTAN FOR TRADE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to open the borders at Hussainiwala (Ferozpur) to increase trade between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the opening of border at Hussainiwala likely to boost the agriculture economy of Malwa region of Punjab; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) There is no proposal to open borders at Hussainiwala (Ferozpur) for trade between India and Pakistan, at this stage.
- (c) & (d) Government has consistently maintained that enhanced economic and commercial cooperation between India and Pakistan would contribute to economic growth and development in both countries.