

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-PAK DIFFERENCES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have shown flexibility in their stands to resolve their differences on Kashmir and other bilateral issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether new process of negotiation envisaged to bring closer co-operation between the two countries would equally benefit the people of Jammu and Kashmir also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the issue of opening all routes of trade and travel on LoC in Jammu and Kashmir is also included in this new process of negotiations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) During the Foreign Minister level talks held between India and Pakistan on 27 July 2011 in New Delhi, the two Ministers affirmed the importance of carrying forward the dialogue process with a view to resolving peacefully all outstanding issues through constructive and result oriented engagement, and to establish friendly, cooperative and good neighbourly relations between India and Pakistan. Discussions were also held on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and both sides 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. Further, in order to facilitate travel and trade across the Line of Control, for the welfare of the people on both sides, the Ministers decided on several Confidence Building Measures aimed at strengthening and streamlining trade and travel arrangements across the Line of Control.