

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DISCUSSION WITH PAKISTANI PRESIDENT
Gavit Shri Manikrao Hodlya

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of delegates who visited India with Pakistani President along with the names of Indian leaders and officials with whom their meetings were held; and

(b) the details of the issues discussed in the said meetings?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) President of Pakistan, Mr. Asif Ali Zardari came to India on a private visit on April 8, 2012 with a delegation comprising family members, the Federal Interior Minister of Pakistan, the Foreign Secretary of Pakistan, other officials, personal staff, security personnel and media.

During the visit, a meeting was held in New Delhi between Prime Minister and the President of Pakistan. The leaders had a friendly and constructive conversation covering all aspects of India-Pakistan bilateral relations, and regional and global issues of common interest. It was noted that there had been steady progress in the dialogue process which was restarted last year. Both sides felt that we need to move forward step by step and find pragmatic and mutually acceptable solutions to all issues. The two leaders also discussed developments in the region, and the potential of regional cooperation for the economic development of people of both countries. It was clear from the conversation that both countries consider the dialogue process and the improvement of bilateral relations as being in the mutual interest of the people of India and Pakistan.