

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN SECRETARY S VISIT TO PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit of Foreign Secretary to Pakistan, there has been some improvement in the relations between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Pakistan during the said visit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make Indo-Pak relations more cordial and strong?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Foreign Secretary visited Pakistan on June 23-24, 2011. During the visit, the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan met in Islamabad for bilateral talks on Peace and Security, including Confidence Building Measures, Jammu & Kashmir and promotion of friendly exchanges. The talks were held in a frank and cordial atmosphere. Both sides reiterated their intention to carry forward the dialogue process in a constructive and purposeful manner to promote mutual understanding.