

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO PAK HOME SECRETARIES MEET

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Home Secretaries of India and Pakistan have held meeting in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the details of issues on which Pakistan agreed for cooperation;
- (d) whether the Indian delegation has handed over a list of most wanted terrorists to the representative of the Pakistan Government;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the Pakistan thereto;
- (f) whether the matter of new liberalised visa agreement was also discussed during the meeting; and
- (g) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Interior/Home Secretary Level Talks between India and Pakistan were held on 24-25 May, 2012 at Islamabad, Pakistan. After the meeting, a Joint Statement was issued, summarizing the outcome of the talks. Both sides agreed that terrorism poses a threat to peace and security and full normalization of relation. The two sides discussed the ongoing trial and investigation in Pakistan in the Mumbai Terror Attacks; the Samjhauta Express Blast Case Investigations in India; drug trafficking; counterfeit currency, cyber crimes and Red Notices (RNs); finalization of the revised Visa Agreement; release of prisoners and fishermen; work of the Judicial Committee on Prisoners; and the need to conclude a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT). Both sides have agreed to a continued cooperation on these issues

(d) & (e): A list of fugitives from justice in the form of a dossier was given to Pakistan. Pakistan side assured that they will respond to the dossier.

(f) & (g): Yes, Madam. Both sides welcomed the finalization of the new liberalized Visa Agreement between the two countries and agreed to sign it at an early date. The Pakistan side informed that some internal approvals were under process and the Agreement will be signed once these are in place.