

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3257
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INDIA PAKISTAN TALKS ON SIACHEN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether talks between India and Pakistan has been held on Siachen recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of decisions arrived at, if any, during the said talks particularly with regard to reduction of troops in the Siachen region?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Defence Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan on Siachen were held in Rawalpindi, Pakistan from 11 – 12 June 2012. The talks were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere. Both sides reaffirmed their resolve to make serious, sustained and result oriented efforts for seeking an amicable resolution of Siachen. It was agreed to continue dialogue on Siachen in keeping with the desire of the leaders of both countries for early resolution of all outstanding issues. It was also agreed that the next round of talks on Siachen will be held in New Delhi on mutually convenient dates.