

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HIGH LEVEL TALKS WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of the Prime Ministerial level and other high level talks held between India and Pakistan during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the major issues discussed during the said talks along with the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the road map chalked out for amicable resolution of the pending bilateral issues between the two countries?

Answer

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

(a) & (b)

2009

Prime Minister (PM) met President Asif Ali Zardari on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization-Brazil, Russia, India, China (SCO-BRIC) summit in Yekaterinburg on June 16, 2009.

PM met Prime Minister of Pakistan in Sharm-el-Sheikh on July 16, 2009 on the sidelines of Non Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit.

External Affairs Minister (EAM) met Pakistan Foreign Minister on the sidelines of G-8 Outreach meeting on June 26, 2009 in Trieste (Italy).

EAM and Foreign Secretary met their Pakistani counterparts in the last week of September, 2009 at the margins of UNGA meeting in New York.

2010

PM met the Prime Minister of Pakistan on the sidelines of SAARC Summit in Thimphu in April 2010.

EAM held talks with Pakistan Foreign Minister in Islamabad on July 15, 2010.

2011

PM met the Prime Minister of Pakistan at Mohali on March 30, 2011, on the sidelines of the ICC World Cup Cricket semi-final match between India and Pakistan.

EAM met Pakistan Foreign Minister for bilateral talks on July 27, 2011 in New Delhi.

Commerce Minister of Pakistan visited India at the invitation of the Commerce, Industry & Textile Minister from September 26 to October 3, 2011.

PM met Pakistan Prime Minister on the sidelines of SAARC summit in Maldives on November 10, 2011. The leaders had an extensive exchange of views on issues related to SAARC and on the entire gamut of India-Pakistan bilateral relations.

2012

President of Pakistan met PM on April 8, 2012 in New Delhi during his visit to India. They had a friendly and constructive conversation covering all aspects of India-Pakistan bilateral relations, and regional and global issues of common interest.

External Affairs Minister (EAM) met Pakistan Foreign Minister on the sidelines of an international conference on Afghanistan in Tokyo on July 8, 2012.

The Speaker, Lok Sabha visited Pakistan from February 21-25, 2012, on the invitation of her Pakistani counterpart Dr. Fehmida

Mirza.

Minister of Commerce, Industry and Textiles along with a high powered business delegation, visited Pakistan from February 13-16, 2012.

Pakistan's Minister of Petroleum & Natural Resources met the Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas on January 25, 2012 in New Delhi.

(c) In the Foreign Minister level talks held on July 27, 2011, in New Delhi, the 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 Pakistan and India. They agreed to the continuation of the dialogue process and to the convening series of Secretaries level meetings on Counter-terrorism (including progress on Mumbai trial) and Narcotics Control; Humanitarian issues; Commercial and Economic cooperation; Wullar Barrage/Tulbul Navigation Project; Sir Creek (at the level of Additional Secretaries/Surveyors General); Siachen; Peace & Security, including CBMs; Jammu & Kashmir; and Promotion of Friendly Exchanges. It was also decided that the Foreign Ministers will meet again in Islamabad in the first half of 2012 to review progress in the dialogue process.