

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SECRETARY LEVEL TALKS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Defence Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein;
- (c) the details of the issues on which both countries have consensus; and
- (d) the details of the issues which was agreed by both the countries during previous talks?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The 13th Round of Siachen Talks between the Defence Secretaries of India and Pak were held at Rawalpindi from 11th to 12th June, 2012. Both the delegations reaffirmed their resolve to make serious, sustained and result oriented efforts for seeking an amicable resolution of Siachen issue. It was agreed to continue the dialogue on Siachen in keeping with the desire of the leaders of both countries for early resolution of all outstanding issues. Both sides acknowledged that the ceasefire was holding since November, 2003. In the 12th Round in May, 2011, both sides presented their positions and suggestions towards the resolution of Siachen and agreed to continue discussions.