

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:558
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2013
PEACE PROCESS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Pakistan for continuing the peace process;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has imposed any condition in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d) In the context of the recent incidents along the Line of Control Pakistan has been making several suggestions including for investigation of the incidents along the LoC by a third party, and for bilateral talks may be at the Foreign Minister level. Government is of the view that presently practical steps are needed to strengthen the sanctity of the Line of Control for which the well established mechanism of contacts between the Director Generals of Military Operations should be fully utilized.

It is only through a strict adherence to the provisions of the Simla Agreement including respect of the sanctity of the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir that both sides will be able to work towards a relationship of durable peace.