

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2735  
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2013  
LOC INCIDENT  
Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the recent inhuman attack on Indian soldiers by Pakistani soldiers on the line of control;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to raise the issue on international forum;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government proposes to respond to the said attack?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Government deplored the gravely provocative and repugnant acts of the killing of two Indian soldiers and the barbaric mutilation of their bodies by the Pakistan Army near the Line of Control in the Mendhar sector on January 8, and has called upon the Government of Pakistan to carry out a proper investigation of this unacceptable action and ensure that this does not recur.

Following the signing of the Simla Agreement of 1972 between India and Pakistan, both countries have resolved to settle their differences by peaceful means through bilateral negotiations. On the incident near the LoC on January 8, it has been conveyed that Pakistan should not believe that its brazen denial and lack of proper response will be ignored and that bilateral relations could be unaffected or that there will be business as usual.