

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to resume the dialogue process between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the current status of granting Most Favoured Nation Status to India by Pakistan and removing non-trade barriers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India is committed to resolve all outstanding issues with Pakistan, through a peaceful bilateral dialogue in an environment free from violence and terror. It has also been conveyed to Pakistan that an expeditious and successful conclusion of the investigation and trial relating to those involved in the Mumbai attacks would be a major confidence building measure.

(c) In the recent meeting of the Commerce Minister of India and the Commerce and Textile Industry Minister of Pakistan on January 18, 2014 in New Delhi on the sidelines of the 5th SAARC Business Leaders Conclave, both Ministers reaffirmed the commitment to expeditiously establish normal trading relations and in this context to provide Non- Discriminatory Market Access (NDMA), on a reciprocal basis. They decided to intensify and accelerate the process of trade normalization, liberalization and facilitation and to implement the agreed measures before the end of February, 2014.