

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Advisor to the Pakistani Prime Minister had met the Kashmiri separatist leaders in New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of those leaders who participated in the meeting;
- (c) whether the Pakistani High Commission had taken permission from India in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which the matter is taken up/proposed to be taken up with the Government of Pakistan?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Government is aware of reports regarding meeting of Mr Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to Prime Minister of Pakistan on Foreign Affairs and National Security with the leaders of the Hurriyat and Dukhtaran-e-Millat at the Pakistan High Commission on November 10, 2013. The Advisor reportedly met SAS Geelani (Chairman, APHC/G), Mirwaiz Umar Farooq (Chairman, APHC/A), Prof. AG Butt (Muslim Conference), Yasin Malik (Chairman, JKLF/Y) and Asiya Andrabi (Chairperson, Dukhtaran-e-Millat) and some of their supporters. Pakistan did not provide prior notice about these meetings.

India's strong displeasure at the meetings has been appropriately conveyed to Pakistan including during the meeting of External Affairs Minister with the Advisor to Prime Minister of Pakistan on November 12, 2013.

The entire state of Jammu and Kashmir is and will always remain an integral part of the Indian Union. Government will continue to take all necessary measures to ensure the security and territorial integrity of the nation.