

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO-PAK NEGOTIATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the India- Pakistan negotiations on the Kashmir issue, Sir Creek dispute and the dispute regarding the Siachen Glaciers;
- (b) whether Mumbai terror attacks last year have affected the negotiations on these issues adversely; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/being taken in regard to resolve such issues during the last three years and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c) Four rounds of the Composite Dialogue, which has encompassed eight subjects including Jammu & Kashmir, Sir Creek and Siachen, were held from 2004 to 2008 and the fifth round commenced in 2008. In the fifth round, Foreign Secretary level talks on Peace and Security, including CBMs and Jammu & Kashmir, and Home Secretary level talks on Terrorism and Drug Trafficking were held before the dialogue process was paused after the terrorist attack on Mumbai on November 26, 2008. Government expects Pakistan to act with purpose against the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack as also to unearth the wider conspiracy which motivated, planned and launched the attack. Pakistan has stated that it will bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai attack to justice. Any meaningful dialogue with Pakistan can only be based on fulfilment of its commitment, in letter and spirit, not to allow territory under its control to be used in any manner for terrorist activities against India.