

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO PAK PEACE TALKS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Pakistan to continue the process of peace talks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has laid down any condition to continue the peace talks in the wake of Pakistan's proposal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of Pakistan thereto;
- (e) whether the bilateral trade relations have also undergone changes during the last three years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) No.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) During the last round of Commerce Secretary talks in Islamabad on September 20-21, 2012, Pakistan agreed to a roadmap for normalization of bilateral trade relations between India and Pakistan, which included transitioning to MFN status for India in accordance with Pakistan's obligations under WTO. As Pakistan was not able to take the first step in the roadmap i.e. of removal of all restrictions on trade through Wagah-Attari land route, the sequential roadmap has remained unimplemented.