

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1434
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RESTRICTION ON DELHI LAHORE BUS SERVICE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has restricted Delhi-Lahore (Dosti Bus Service) upto Wagah Border;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor alongwith the loss incurred to the transport corporation and the Government as a result thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the service to its full destination in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) On 31 December 2014, it was Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC), Lahore that conveyed its decision to terminate both the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and PTDC Buses plying the Delhi –Lahore service at Wagah border (Pakistani side) with effect from 1 January 2015. Security considerations were cited as the reason for this decision. Accordingly, since 1 January 2015 the bus service is being terminated at Wagah. There is no loss to Delhi Transport Corporation on account of this.

(c) to (e) The Delhi-Lahore bus service can be fully restored after the Pakistan authorities reverse their decision.