

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PAK NATIONAL DAY

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether as per the established conventions, only senior officers of the Ministry of External Affairs attend the national day celebrations of Pakistan; and

(b) if so, whether

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) It is a well established protocol practice to nominate senior Indian dignitaries to represent Government at National Day celebrations organized by foreign Embassies located in New Delhi.

For the National Day celebrations of Pakistan held on March 23, 2015, Gen. (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd) was nominated to represent Government. In previous years Members of the Union Cabinet, Members of Parliament, Lt Governor of Delhi have been similarly nominated.