

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan met recently and held talks on various matters;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether issues regarding alleged killing of Indian jawans along the Line of Control (LoC) as well as Mumbai terror attack case came up during the discussions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the areas identified for further cooperation between the two countries?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Pakistan's Prime Minister visited India at the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from May 26-27, 2014 to attend the swearing-in ceremony of the new Indian Government on May 26, 2014. Bilateral talks with the Pakistan Prime Minister were also held the next day.

The two Prime Ministers agreed that the Foreign Secretaries of both sides would get in touch to explore how to move bilateral relations forward. Furthermore Prime Minister conveyed India's readiness to work with Pakistan to achieve full normalization of trade relations on the basis of the September 2012 'Roadmap'. Prime Minister underlined India's concerns related to violence and terrorism. He underlined the importance of maintaining peace and tranquility at the borders and upholding the sanctity of the Line of Control during the meeting with the Prime Minister of Pakistan. Prime Minister further conveyed India's concerns at the slow progress being made in the Mumbai terror attack trials presently underway in Pakistan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared with the Prime Minister of Pakistan India's vision of a SAARC region built on partnerships for development and mutual prosperity with all our neighbours and expressed the hope that India-Pakistan relations would progress in the economic, cultural and political fields in the same manner that India's relations with her other SAARC neighbours have progressed in recent years.