

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO PAK TRANSMISSION LINK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether negotiations are underway between India and Pakistan for the construction of transmission link between Amritsar and Lahore to develop a limited-capacity, cross country grid inter-connection;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the provisions proposed to be laid down in the Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose; and
- (c) the time by which the said transmission link is likely to become operational?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Discussions are underway between the Government of India and the Government of Pakistan for establishing cross border inter-connection for export of electricity on a commercial basis between the two countries.

In the 3rd meeting of Group of Experts of both the countries held in New Delhi in March 2014, it has been decided to constitute a Joint Technical Team (JTT) and sub-groups for finalization of cross border electricity inter-connection. The provisions to be laid down in MoU would depend upon the outcome of discussions of the JTT and its sub-groups.

The construction of the cross-border inter-connection is expected to take about 36 months from the date of completion of necessary formalities from both sides.