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Q469. Talks With Pakistan

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LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.469
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.04.2010

SHRIMATI BHAVANA GAWALI PATIL:
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of the rounds of talks held with Pakistan during the last three years till date;
- (b) the details of the issues raised/discussed by both the countries;
- (c) the levels at which these talks were held;
- (d) the details of talks/meetings likely to be held in the future;
- (e) whether the issues discussed and agreements signed have been implemented;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) to (g) A statement is placed on the Table of the house.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (G) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*469
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(a) to (d) In the last three years, talks between India and Pakistan on a number of issues were held under the framework of the Composite Dialogue and the Joint Commission. After the Mumbai terrorist attack in November 2008, the Composite Dialogue has been paused and no meetings under these mechanisms have taken place. However, meetings between the Prime Minister and the President and the Prime Minister of Pakistan and between the External Affairs Minister and the Foreign Minister of Pakistan have taken place on the margins of multilateral events after November 2008, besides meetings between the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan. In these meetings, India has reiterated the need for Pakistan to fulfill its repeated assurances, including those given at the highest level, not to allow the use of territory under its control for terrorism directed against India. Pakistan has assured us that action will be taken against the perpetrators of the Mumbai terrorist attack. A year-wise list of meetings held between India and Pakistan during the last three years is at Annexure 1.

In the Foreign Secretary-level talks held in New Delhi on February 25, 2010, India reiterated the need for Pakistan to fulfill the assurances given by its leaders not to allow the use of territory under Pakistan's control for terrorism directed against India. The Foreign Secretary of Pakistan conveyed the desire of his Government to make all possible efforts for a successful conclusion of the Mumbai attack trial which is ongoing in Pakistan. The two Foreign Secretaries agreed to remain in touch.

- (e) to (g) The Dialogue process has strengthened people-to-people contacts, as a result of the establishment of several transport linkages between the two countries and people-centric Confidence Building Measures including Cross-LOC Trade

and Travel. The Agreement on 'Reducing the Risk from accidents relating to Nuclear Weapons was signed in February 2007. There has been some progress on humanitarian issues such as signing of the Consular Access Agreement in May 2008 and release of some prisoners and fishermen.

Annexure 1

Meetings between India-Pakistan during the last three years
(January 2007 onwards)

Date and Venue	Meeting
2007	
January 7 -8, 2007 Islamabad	Meeting of the Joint Study Group of CBI (India) and FIA (Pakistan)
January 13-14, 2007 Islamabad	Meeting between EAM and Foreign Minister of Pakistan to review of 3rd round Composite Dialogue
February 14-17, 2007 Jalandhar	Bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers
February 20, 2007 New Delhi	Meeting of two out of eight Working Groups on Education and Information under Joint Commission
February 21, 2007 New Delhi	5th Meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Commission -visit of Pak Foreign Minister (Agreement "Reducing the Risk from Accidents relating to Nuclear Weapons" also signed)
March 6, 2007 Islamabad	1st Meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism (JATM)
March 14, 2007 Islamabad	Launch of 4th round of India-Pakistan Composite Dialogue.
April 6-7, 2007 Islamabad	Defence Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan on SIACHEN under the 4th round of India-Pakistan Composite Dialogue
May 30 to June 4, 2007	99th meeting of Permanent Indus Commission
June 28-29,2007 Islamabad	Culture Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan on Promotion of Friendly Exchanges under the 4th round of India-Pakistan Composite Dialogue
July 3-4,	4th round of Home/Interior Secretary level talks between India-Pakistan on

2007 New Delhi	Terrorism and Drugs Trafficking under Composite Dialogue
July 31 to Aug 01, 2007 New Delhi	4th round of India-Pakistan talks on Economic and Commercial Cooperation under Composite Dialogue
Aug 02, 2007 New Delhi	3rd Meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Study Group (JSG) at Commerce Secretary level
Aug 8-11, 2007 New Delhi	Meeting between ICG (Indian Coast Guard) and PMSA (Pakistan Maritime Security Agency)
20-8-2007 Attari/Wagah	Technical-level meeting between India and Pakistan -Movement of Trucks
August 30-31, 2007	Tulbal Navigation Project Talks -between the Water Secretaries of India and Pakistan
September 8-11, 2007 Lahore	Bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers
October 18, 2007 New Delhi	4th meeting of India-Pakistan Expert level dialogue on -Conventional Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)
19-10-2007 New Delhi	5th meeting of India-Pakistan Expert level dialogue on -Nuclear Confidence Building Measures (CBMs)
22-10-2007 New Delhi	2nd Meeting of JATM (Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism) between India and Pakistan
December 7, 2007	Meeting between EAM and Pakistan FM (Interim) on sidelines of SAARC Meeting.
2008	
February 14-15, 2008 Rawalpindi	India Pakistan Meeting regarding the revision of Air Services Agreement
February 26, 2008 New Delhi	1st Meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Judicial Committee on Prisoners
March 26-29, 2008 Chandigarh	Bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers

May 20, 2008 Islamabad	Meeting between the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan to review the 4th round of India-Pakistan Composite Dialogue
May 21, 2008, Islamabad	Meeting between EAM and Pakistan FM to review the 4th round of India-Pakistan Composite Dialogue
May 31 – June 5, 2008	100th meeting of Permanent Indus Commission
June 24, 2008, Islamabad	3rd Meeting of India-Pakistan Joint Anti-Terrorism Mechanism (JATM)
June 27, 2008, New Delhi	Meeting between EAM and Foreign Minister of Pakistan
July 18, 2008 Islamabad	Meeting of India-Pakistan Working Group on Cross LOC CBMs (Joint Secretary level)
July 21, 2008	India-Pakistan Foreign Secretary level talks Launch of 5th round of Composite Dialogue
July 24-31, 2008	101st meeting of Permanent Indus Commission
August 2, 2008 Colombo	Meeting of Prime Minister and Pakistan Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on the sidelines of SAARC Summit.
August 23, 2008, New Delhi	India-Pakistan Judicial Committee Meeting 18-23, August 2008
September 22, 2008, New Delhi	India-Pakistan Cross LoC CBMs Meeting
September 24, 2008 New York	India Pakistan Meeting between PM and President of Pakistan on the sidelines of UNGA.
October 13-16, 2008 Lahore, Pakistan	Bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers
October 24, 2008, New Delhi	Special (4th) Meeting of Joint Anti-Terrorism Meeting (JATM)
October 24, 2008, Beijing	Meeting between the Prime Minister and Prime Minister of Pakistan Yousuf Raza Gilani on the sidelines of ASEM summit.
October 23-25, 2008	102nd meeting of Permanent Indus Commission
November 26, 2008 New Delhi	Visit of Foreign Minister of Pakistan to India (26-29 Nov.2008)
November 26, 2008, Islamabad	India-Pakistan Home Secretary level talks under 5th round of Composite Dialogue

2009	
February 26, 2009 Colombo	Meeting between Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan on the sidelines of SAARC Ministerial meeting
May 31- June 5, 2009	103rd meeting of Permanent Indus Commission
June 16, 2009 Yekaterinburg, (Russia)	Meeting between PM and Pak President Zardari during SCO Meeting
June 26, 2009 Trieste (Italy)	EAM's meeting with FM of Pakistan on the sidelines of G-8 outreach meeting.
July 16, 2009 Sharm el Sheikh (Egypt)	Meeting between PM and PM of Pakistan on the sidelines of NAM Summit
September 27, 2009 New York	Foreign Secretary's meeting with Pak FS on the sidelines of UNGA.
September 27, 2009, New York	EAM's meeting with FM of Pakistan on the sidelines of UNGA.
2010	
February 25, 2010 New Delhi	Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan
March 27- 31, 2010	104th meeting of Permanent Indus Commission
March 28-31, 2010, Amritsar	Bi-annual meeting between BSF and Pak Rangers

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