

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-PAK CO-OPERATION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan Government has banned any assistance or cooperation between Pakistani and Indian educational, Professional and Research Institutions with immediate effect;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India has also taken likewise decision; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(d) There have been some reports in the Pakistani press, indicating that the Government of Pakistan has instructed Pakistani educational, professional and research institutions to end any links they may have with Indian institutions. As per available information, the government of Pakistan has not issued any formal public statement in this regard. It is well known that Pakistan's establishment, as part of its negative and hostile policies towards India, seeks to impede people to people contacts between India and Pakistan.