

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3076
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LIFTING BAN ON PAKISTAN NEWSPAPERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a mutual ban on newspapers exist between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by when the said ban is likely to be lifted?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Government of India does not discriminate against Pakistan in the import of newspapers. Import of printed material from Pakistan continues to be permitted. General restrictions on the import of seditious, inflammatory or obscene material from any foreign country apply in case of Pakistan also. According to available information, Pakistan does not permit the import of newspapers from India.

(c) Does not arise.