

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1892  
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VISIT OF INDO DELEGATION TO PAK  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Government delegation visited Pakistan recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main objective behind the aforesaid visit; and
- (d) the extent upto which the aforesaid delegation succeeded in achieving the objectives?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. A six member delegation visited Pakistan, in the wake of the earthquake of 8th October, 2005, during October 28 to 30, 2005 to discuss the opening of crossing points across the LoC for relief and rehabilitation.

(d): The two sides agreed to open crossings at five points across LoC as under:

- (i) Nauseri-Tithwal
- (ii) Chakoti-Uri
- (iii) Hajipur-Uri
- (iv) Rawalakot-Poonch
- (v) Tattapani-Mendhar

It was further agreed that priority for crossings would be accorded to members of divided families on either side of LoC. For relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction purposes, it was agreed that with prior information and acceptance and depending on feasibility, relief items can be sent in either direction and handed-over to local authorities on the aforementioned crossing points. All the five crossing points were opened by 16th November, 2005. More than 400 tonnes of relief material have been sent through these crossing points for the earthquake victims.