

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:937
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INDO-PAK DG LEVEL TALKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have recently held talks at DG level;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussion held between both of them; and
- (c) the decision taken by the two countries in consequence thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGHUPATHY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The two sides discussed issues relating to, interalia, simultaneous coordinated patrolling, indiscriminate burning of Sarkanda (elephant grass), inadvertent crossings and joint verification of Border Pillars.

(c): Both sides agreed to carryout:-

- i) simultaneous coordinated patrolling effectively,
- ii) inform each other before burning of Sarkanda (elephant grass),
- iii) return innocent/inadvertent border crossers after due verification, and
- iv) to carryout joint verification of Border Pillars as per schedule.