

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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RESTRICTIONS ON INDIAN DIPLOMATS IN PAK

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Pakistan has imposed any restrictions on Indian diplomats on their movements out of Islamabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India has lodged any protest in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether similar restrictions are in force with the Pakistani diplomats in India; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (f) Both Indian and Pakistani Diplomats posted in each other's country require prior permission to travel outside the respective capital cities. Modalities for liberalising this travel regime are currently being discussed. During EAM's visit to Pakistan on January 13-14, 2007 the issue was discussed and EAM and Pak Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri agreed to facilitate movement of diplomats to Noida and Gurgaon in India and Taxila and Hasan Abdal in Pakistan. Procedures for this are being worked out.