

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1260  
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INDO-PAK JOINT COMMISSION  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a meeting of Indo-Pak Joint Commission was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed during the said meeting; and
- (c) the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a-c) Yes. The 5th Joint Commission Meeting was held in New Delhi on February 21, 2007. It was co-chaired by EAM and Pakistan Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri. The meeting reviewed the progress made by eight Technical Level Working Groups in the areas of Agriculture, Health, Science & Technology, Information, Education, IT & Telecommunications, Environment and Tourism. The reports of all the eight Technical Level Working Groups were presented at the Joint Commission and discussed. Joint Commission's deliberations are expected to lead to greater bilateral cooperation and provide a structural basis for improving the relations between our two countries.