

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN PAKISTANI JAILS

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

- (a) whether a 14-member delegation of the relatives of Indian Prisoners of War visited some Pakistani jails in June, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome of such visit;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to locate the Indian PoWs in Pak Jails and get them released?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(d) A group comprising members of the families of missing defence personnel visited Pakistan from June 1-14, 2007. They visited 10 jails in Pakistan. Indian prisoners were presented before the relatives. The visiting family members did not come across missing defence personnel in the jails they visited. However, it was confirmed that one of the missing personnel had been killed in action and not taken Prisoner of War. Despite the inconclusive nature of the visit, Government appreciates the gesture of the Government of Pakistan in making this visit possible. The Government will continue take up the issue of missing defence personnel with the Government of Pakistan as it has been doing in the past till this matter is resolved.