

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO PAK TALKS ON DRUG TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Pakistan has proposed technical level talks with India on issues related to drug trafficking and smuggling; (

(b) if so, whether India has welcomed this proposal; and (

(c) if so, the proposed venue and the date decided for the said talks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (c) In the Joint Press Statement issued on February 18, 2004 after the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan, it was agreed that a meeting of the Committee on Drug Trafficking and Smuggling would be held in June 2004. Subsequently, the meeting was held in Islamabad on June 15 -16, 2004.