

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 19.11.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**INDO PAK MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS .**

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Shri V. Hanumantha Rao

Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Pakistan and India's Foreign Ministers met in New York on September 27, 2009, and reviewed action taken against the terror ;

(b) if so, whether the Foreign Secretaries' meeting is being held in accordance with the decision made during the talks between the Prime Ministers of Pakistan and India in July ; (

(c) if so, whether Pakistan has not seriously taken action to curb the terrorists activities against India in their own land ; and

(d) the outcome of the talks and to what extent India is satisfied with the talks held between the two Ministers?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a)& (b) Yes. The External Affairs Minister (EAM) met Pakistan Foreign Minister (FM) Shah Mahmood Qureshi on September 27, 2009. This meeting was preceded by a detailed meeting between the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan.

(c)& (d) Both the Ministers had a useful, constructive and candid exchange of views on the present situation in our bilateral relations. They agreed that the future direction in our bilateral relations has to be one of deeper, sustained and meaningful relations. EAM conveyed to Pakistan FM our view that for a sustained and meaningful dialogue process to succeed, it is essential to ensure an environment free of violence, terrorism and the threat to use violence. EAM underlined and reiterated that concrete and effective steps by Pakistan against individuals and entities who pose a threat to us can instill in us the confidence that commitments given by Pakistan for not allowing its soil to be used for terrorist attacks against India would be adhered to. Pakistan FM conveyed the seriousness of his Government in bringing to book through their legal process those responsible for the terrorist outrage in Mumbai. Pakistan FM conveyed that the trial against those accused for the Mumbai attack would begin shortly and that the Pakistan Government would take steps to see that justice is done.