

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2099
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.2016

**TALKS WITH PAKISTAN AND SEPARATIST LEADERS ON KASHMIR
ISSUE**

2099. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plan to start fresh negotiations with Pakistan and separatist leaders over Kashmir issue on the line of previous NDA Government; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) The Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue (CBD), agreed between India and Pakistan during External Affairs Minister's visit to Islamabad, on December 9, 2015 (to attend the Heart of Asia Minister's meeting on Afghanistan) is envisaged to address all outstanding issues bilaterally, including the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. The modalities of the Dialogue are to be worked out by Foreign Secretaries, who remain in touch including in the context of Pathankot terrorist attack.

It is Government's principled and consistent position that the issue of Jammu and Kashmir is a bilateral matter between India and Pakistan and there is no scope for involvement of any third party.
