

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1504
ANSWERED ON- 10/02/2023

PEACE TALKS

1504. SHRI JAI PRAKASH

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

(a) whether Pakistan has shown any sign of rapprochement with India recently in the wake of its Prime Minister offering peace talks with India with the help of UAE; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) As per media reports, the Prime Minister of Pakistan remarked that his message to India is to have talks. Subsequently, the spokesman of Pakistan's Prime Minister's Office reiterated Pakistan's various pre-conditions to holding any talks with India.

India desires normal neighbourly relations with Pakistan. India's consistent position is that issues, if any, between India and Pakistan should be resolved bilaterally and peacefully, in an atmosphere free of terror and violence. The onus is on Pakistan to create such a conducive environment by taking credible and verifiable actions to not allow any territory under its control to be used for cross-border terrorism against India.
