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Indians in jails of Pakistan

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- (a) the details of Indians in Pakistani jails who have completed their terms of sentence but still languishing in Pakistani jails and are becoming mentally ill due to torture;
- (b) the reasons for not releasing Indian prisoners even after serving their terms in Pak jails;
- (c) whether Government has taken up the matter with Pakistani Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and response of Pakistani Government thereto, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d) As per available information there is one civil prisoner and 98 fishermen in Pakistani jails who have completed their sentences but are still in custody.

Government regularly takes up with the Pakistan authorities the issue of the early release and repatriation of such prisoners as well as providing regular consular access to them. Government of India also, on a continuing basis, monitors the status of all such Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails. The India-Pakistan Judicial Committee consisting of retired judges from both countries visits jails in both countries to ensure humane treatment and expeditious release of prisoners, including fishermen, who have completed their prison term. Due to Government's persistent efforts, 38 civil prisoners and 390 fishermen were released by Pakistan in 2013.
