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RAJYA SABHA
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Resumption of CBMs with Pakistan

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- (a) whether Government has any proposal for resumption of dialogue to seek out confidence building measures (CBMs) with Pakistan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) meeting in Kathmandu within a month; and
- (c) if so, the issues Government proposes to raise in this conference?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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- (a) to (c) The 18th SAARC Summit is scheduled to be held on November 26-27, 2014 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Government is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan through a peaceful bilateral dialogue on the basis of the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. For a meaningful dialogue an environment free from the threat of terror and violence is essential. In his address to the UN General Assembly on September 27, 2014, the Prime Minister once again reiterated India's willingness to engage with Pakistan in a serious bilateral dialogue which requires a peaceful environment without the shadow of terrorism. The Prime Minister also underlined Pakistan's own responsibility in creating an appropriate atmosphere for a constructive and substantive bilateral engagement.
