

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3890

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000

HIGH POWERED DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE

BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);HARIBHAU MAHALE;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI;RAMCHANDRA BAINDA;SULTAN SALAHUDDIN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any high powered official delegation visited Singapore in November, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the way visit is likely to foster closer relationship between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

- (a) President Shri K.R.Narayanan paid a state visit to Singapore from November 9-13, 2000.
- (b) Our political and economic relations bilaterally and in the regional forum of ASEAN were discussed, with emphasis on promoting Trade, Investment, Culture and Tourism. An MOU on setting up a Task Force on Economic Cooperation; an Executive Programme on Cooperation in the Arts, Heritage, Archives and the Library; and an MOU on the loan of artifacts to the Asian Civilisations Museums, were signed during the visit.
- (c) Discussions at the highest level in Singapore and implementation of the three Agreements mentioned above would help in fostering a closer relationship between the two countries.