

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2484

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001

VISIT OF NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR TO BANGLADESH

ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;CHANDRA NATH SINGH;DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK;SHYAMA SINGH;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Security Advisor visited Bangladesh in October, 2001;
- (b) if so, the name of persons in Bangladesh with whom he held meetings; and
- (c) the issues raised by him with the Government of Bangladesh and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Begum Khaleda Zia, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Dr. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh and Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the Opposition.
- (c) The National Security Advisor reiterated India's commitment to maintaining good neighbourly relations with Bangladesh. The issues he discussed with the Government of Bangladesh included, inter alia, bilateral trade, sale of gas by Bangladesh to India and recent attacks on minorities. The Government of Bangladesh welcomed the visit and reiterated its desire to strengthening bilateral ties.