

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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US MISSILE DOCTRINE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any discussions were held between India and France on new missile doctrine outlined by the US;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which both the countries held similar views on the subject?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) The seventh round of Indo-French Strategic Dialogue was held from July 31st-August 1, 2001 in New Delhi. During the talks, both sides exchanged views on new developments in international security situation and current threat perceptions. The issue of US missile defence plans was also touched upon. Both sides welcomed extensive consultations being held between US and Russia and other countries.