

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISITS OF LEADERS
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the recent past there has been extensive exchange of visits of Indian and U.S.A. leaders; and
- (b) if so, the outcome of such visits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir. India and the United States have continued their high level of engagement at the political and official levels in pursuit of the shared goal of Prime Minister and U.S. President, reaffirmed at their meeting in Washington on 09 November 2002, to complete the process of qualitatively transforming India-U.S. relationship.

(b) These exchanges have deepened mutual understanding and advanced cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral activities and international issues of mutual interest, including in political and security matters, defence, economic and commercial relations, science and technology, health, energy, environment as well as on the global campaign against terrorism and the political and economic future of Afghanistan.