

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND USA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an American defence delegation has visited India recently;
- (b) the details of matters discussed and agreements made between the countries; and
- (c) the gains which are likely to be accrued to India as a result of these agreements?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. An American delegation led by Mr. Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of defence, visited India for the third meeting of the Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG), on December 3-4, 2001.

(b) Major issues discussed between the two sides were as follows:

- (i) Countering threats of international terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction;
- (ii) Broad based cooperation in regard to military to military ties and defence supply relationship.
- (iii) Maritime security and protection of sea lanes of communication in the Indian Ocean and Asia Pacific region;
- (iv) Cooperation in Search and Rescue, disaster relief and humanitarian assistance;

No agreements were signed during this DPG meeting.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.