

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6417
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2002
VISIT OF RUSSIAN DIGNITARY
IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Secretary of the National Security Council of Russia visited India in April, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed; and
- (c) the outcome thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir. Mr. Vladimir Rushailo, Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, visited India from 2-5 April, 2002 at the invitation of Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and National Security Adviser (NSA).

(b) & (c) The visit of Mr. Rushailo was in accordance with the Protocol of Cooperation signed between the National Security Council of India and the Security Council of the Russian Federation. During this visit, Mr. Rushailo held detailed discussions with Principal Secretary to PM and NSA on Indo-Russian bilateral matters and regional and international issues of mutual interest. Mr. Rushailo also called on Prime Minister Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Home Minister Mr. L.K.Advani and Defence Minister Mr. George Fernandes. During his call on the Prime Minister, Mr. Rushailo handed over a letter from President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin addressed to the Prime Minister. A Joint Statement was issued at the end of this visit.