

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1057  
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BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND US  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to improve Indo-US bilateral relation;
- (b) if so, the details of areas identified thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve bilateral relation between both the countries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) The Government has expressed its intention to improve relations with all friendly countries, including the US. President Bill Clinton is scheduled to visit India from 20th March for five days. Both sides expect the visit to pave the way for a qualitatively new and closer relationship between the two countries.

(b) & (c) India and the US are engaged in an ongoing dialogue on security, non-proliferation, disarmament, regional development and related issues. The two Governments have also agreed to work purposefully, towards developing a broad-based relationship and intensifying mutually beneficial co-operation in trade and investment, energy and environment, science and technology, education and culture, counter terrorism and narcotics control, etc.