

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF MISSILES DATA CENTRE  
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Russia has completely ignored India's interest by signing an agreement with America with regard to setting up of Missiles Data Centre;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement;
- (c) whether Russia has signed the agreement at the cost of its relations with India and China; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No Sir.

(b) At a summit meeting in Moscow last month, US and Russia agreed through a joint MOU to establish a Joint Data Exchange Centre for exchanging data generated by the two countries' space and ground based warning systems on launches of missiles or Satellite Launch Vehicles. This would be expanded through a phased programme to include exchange of information on launches conducted by other States. The MOU also refers to the creation of conditions for a database that can be used as part of a multilateral regime.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.