

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO USA
SRINIVASULU KALAVA;T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the issue of sanctions is likely to be taken up during the Prime Minister of India's visit to USA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether date has been fixed for his visit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of other topics expected to be discussed?

Answer

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

[a] & [b] Prime Minister's visit to the United States, at the invitation of the US President, is expected to contribute towards establishing a closer and qualitatively new relationship and deepening co-operation between India and the United States, in accordance with the vision of the bilateral relationship in the 21st Century outlined by Prime Minister and the US President on 21st March in Delhi. It is expected that all issues of mutual concern, including that of the remaining US unilateral restrictions on India, will be discussed by the two sides.

[c] & [d] Prime Minister will pay an official visit to Washington from 15th to 17th September 2000. He will also visit New York and San Francisco.

[e] The two sides will discuss intensification of co-operation across the full range of bilateral activities, including trade and commerce, finance and investment, energy and environment, science and technology, counter-terrorism and law enforcement. Regional and international issues of mutual interests will also be discussed.