

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:536  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2003  
TRILATERAL AGREEMENT TO FIGHT TERRORISM  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government propose to have an alliance with U.S.A., and Israel to counter the threat of terrorism;
- (b) whether this matter was discussed by India's National Security advisor with the representatives of U.S.A. and Israel during his visit to U.S.A. in May, 2003; and
- (c) if so, the outcome of the discussions held and the modalities worked out for close cooperation amongst the three countries to deal with terrorism?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) Government believes that all democratic countries must come together to fight international terrorism. There is no specific proposal for trilateral cooperation between the United States, Israel and India.
- (b) No.
- (c) Government has established bilateral Joint Working Groups with a number of countries, including the United States and Israel, to combat terrorism.