

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-US COOPERATION IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether a meeting of Indo-US group on cooperation in high-technology had been held in Bangalore and new Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussion held between the two countries;
- (c) the outcome of the decision taken in the said meeting; and
- (d) the present volume of high-tech trade between the two countries?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The second meeting of the India-U.S. High Technology Cooperation Group was held on 19-20 November 2003. The industry component of the meeting was held in Bangalore on November 19 and the official dialogue was held in Delhi on November 20. The two sides have agreed to take appropriate regulatory and promotional measures to stimulate India-U.S. high technology commerce, including trade in 'dual use' goods and technologies.

(d) Information technology is the major sector of India-U.S. high technology trade. In the calendar year 2002, India's exports in the information technology sector to the United States was U.S. \$ 5.7 billion, while India's imports from the United States in this sector was about U.S. \$ 3.1 billion. Further, according to data provided by the U.S. Government, in the year 2002, it processed licence applications valued at U.S. \$ 575 million for exporting 'dual use' items to India.