

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2301  
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INDO-IRAN STRATEGIC DIALOGUE  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and Iran have held the third round of strategic dialogue recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held;
- (c) whether the situation in Iraq also came up for discussion; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The two sides reviewed bilateral cooperation and discussed regional and international issues of common interest including Afghanistan and Iraq.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) The discussions revealed an identity of views on several aspects of the current situation in Iraq. The two sides agreed to continue their consultations on the evolving scenario in Iraq.