

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA-EU SUMMIT

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

- (a) Whether the Prime Minister attended the Fifth European Union - India Annual Summit at Hague recently; and
- (b) If so, the details of the subjects discussed therein and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

a) Yes. Prime Minister led our delegation to the 5th India-EU Summit at The Hague on 8th November 2004.

b) An agreement was reached to launch an India-EU strategic partnership in recognition of the growing stature of India as a major regional and global player. India and the EU agreed to intensify consultations on a range of issues, including UN reforms, cooperation in terrorism, enhance parliamentary exchanges, cooperation in energy, environment and S&T. The Joint Press Statement that was adopted at the Summit reflects our shared understanding on various issues of mutual concern. A Joint Declaration on Cultural Cooperation provides a framework to enhance cooperation in culture, exchange of scholars & students. PM also had an interactive session with the India-EU Business Round Table with an objective to enhance mutual trade & investments.