

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:253

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VISIT OF KAZAKH PRESIDENT TO INDIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the President of Kazakhstan visited India recently: and
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the treaties/agreements signed during the visit?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.His Excellency Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan,paid a State Visit to India from 23rd to 26th January 2009 at the invitation of Smt.Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of the Republic of India. He participated as the Guest of Honour at the Republic Day Parade. He was accompanied by a high level delegation which included three Cabinet Ministers and a group of businessmen and industrialists.

(b) During the State Visit, the President of India held talks with President of Kazakhstan where matters of bilateral interest were discussed.The Vice President, the External Affairs Minister,Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas,the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and the Chairperson of United Progressive Alliance called on the President of Kazakhstan.

Five documents were signed during the visit.These are Extradition Treaty, Bilateral Protocol on Accession of Kazakhstan to the WTO,MOU between NPCIL and KazAtomProm, MOU between ISRO and National Space Agency of Kazakhstan and Heads of Agreement between OMEL (ONGC Mittal Energy Limited) and KazMunayGas. A Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership between India and Kazakhstan was also adopted on 24th January 2009.