

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:784

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VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER TO BANGLADESH

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister of External Affairs has recently visited Bangladesh; and
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the agreements signed during the visit?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) EAM visited Bangladesh on February 9, 2009. During his visit he called on the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, and met with the Foreign Minister, Home Minister, Commerce Minister and Industries Minister of the Government of Bangladesh. In his meetings, he discussed issues related to India's bilateral relations with Bangladesh including connectivity, water, trade and commerce and security issues. Both sides also signed a Bilateral Investment Promotion & Protection Agreement (BIPPA) and an India-Bangladesh Trade Agreement during the visit.