

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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COUNTER TERRORISM AND INTELLIGENCE SHARING WITH RUSSIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the issue of strengthening counter-terrorism and intelligence sharing mechanism was discussed with Russia's Security Council Secretary; and

(b) If so, the complete details of the discussions held between India and Russia on terror-related issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) Yes. Following the signing of a protocol between the Security Council Secretariats of India and the Russian Federation in April 2000, our National Security Advisor and the Secretary of Russian Security Council have been meeting regularly. Secretary of the Russian Security Council Mr. Nikolai Patrushev and the National Security Advisor Shri Shivshankar Menon met in New Delhi on 1st February 2010. They reviewed the progress in bilateral relations in the strategic sphere such as defence and nuclear energy cooperation. In addition, they also discussed mechanisms for strengthening cooperation so that terror attacks can be thwarted more effectively.