

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2510
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VISIT OF THE U.S. DEPUTY SECRETARY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State for Political Affairs recently visited India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) Yes. Mr. William Burns, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, US State Department visited India during 10-13 June 2009. He held talks with Foreign Secretary during which the two sides reviewed the existing architecture for bilateral dialogue, exchanged views on new elements of cooperation, and discussed regional and global issues of common concern. Under Secretary Burns called on Prime Minister, EAM, Home Minister, HRD Minister, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Leader of Opposition and conveyed that the US Government attaches priority to Indo-US relations and desires to strengthen it further.