

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VIETNAM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister of India proposes to visit Vietnam during the next few months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) the current policy of India on Vietnam;
- (d) whether any new bilateral ties for trade, Science & technology and education between India and Vietnam are likely to be entered;
and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) As ASEAN Chair, Vietnam will host 17th ASEAN Summit and related meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam in October 2010. It has been our practice to participate in these meetings at the appropriate levels. Our Prime Minister is expected to visit Hanoi in October in connection with India-ASEAN Summit/East Asia Summit.

(c) to (e) India has close and traditional ties with Vietnam. Within the framework of their strategic partnership, the two countries enjoy strong political, economic, trade, defence, cultural, scientific, educational and cultural relations. During Prime Minister's visit, we hope to deepen these ties.