

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:350

ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010

VISIT OF BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TO INDIA

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the British Prime Minister recently visited India;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held between the two countries including the agreements signed on the occasion;
- (c) the areas identified for further co-operation and increase in trade; and
- (d) the future strategy chalked out by both the Governments in this direction?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.350 REGARDING 'VISIT OF BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TO INDIA' FOR ANSWER ON 18-08-2010

British Prime Minister David Cameron visited India from 27-29 July 2010. He was accompanied by Rt. Hon William Hague MP, British Foreign Minister, Rt. Hon. George Osborne MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt. Hon. Dr. Vincent Cable MP, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Rt. Hon. David Willets MP, Minister of State for Universities and Science, Rt. Hon. Gregory Barker MP, Minister of State for Energy and Climate Change, and Sir Peter Ricketts, National Security Advisor. A high level delegation of businessmen, University Vice-Chancellors and sportspersons also accompanied the Prime Minister.

2. Wide ranging discussions were held not only at the Prime-Ministerial level, but also with various Ministers on relevant issues of mutual interest. The outcomes of these talks have been summarized in the Joint Press Statement, issued at the end of the talks, which is annexed.

3. An India-UK Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Co-operation was signed. Discussions were held on a Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and UK Trade and Investment to enhance investment in the Roads sector.

4. Further, the following areas were identified for future cooperation:

- (a) Trade, Investment and Energy
- (b) Education, Science and research
- (c) Defence and Security
- (d) Dialogue and Exchanges between our Parliaments

5. In order to increase cooperation in the aforementioned areas, the two sides agreed on

# Establishment of a new India-UK CEOs Forum to help increase trade and investment

# Establishment of an India-UK Infrastructure Group, led by the two Governments to promote investment in infrastructure in India

# Launching a new phase of the jointly funded UK-India Education and Research Initiative from 2011 to 2015.

# Boosting dialogue and exchanges between our two national Parliaments Creation of the UK-India Future Leaders Network.