

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO US RELATIONSHIP
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether USA has put pre-condition to India's claim to UN Security Council seat with the solving of Kashmir dispute;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this issue was discussed between him and the US Secretary of State during her visit in September-October this year;
- (d) if so, the response of the Indian Government thereto;
- (e) whether Indian foreign policy is coming under pressure of USA on many issues; and
- (f) if so, the view point of the Government on the issues raised by USA?

Answer

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

- (a) No.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No. The issue of Jammu and Kashmir did not figure in the talks held by External Affairs Minister and US Secretary of State in New York in September 2010 on the sidelines of UNGA session.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) & (f) India pursues an independent foreign policy guided only by its national interest.