

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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U.S. PRESIDENT'S VISIT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of deliberations held with US President Barrack Obama during his visit to India;
- (b) the issues discussed by both the countries and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether economic engagement between India and US has shown a rise;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the benefits accrued / likely to accrue to the country; and
- (e) the future action plan prepared in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During the visit of U.S. President Barack Obama to India from 6-9 November 2010, the two sides discussed a wide range of bilateral, regional and global issues. The visit was successful in strengthening mutual understanding on regional and global issues; accelerating the momentum of our bilateral cooperation; and creating a long-term framework to elevate the growing India- US strategic partnership to a qualitatively new level.

(c) to (e): India and USA enjoy a growing and balanced trade in goods and services as well as rising flow of investments in both directions. The two sides agreed to take all necessary steps to realise fully the enormous potential for trade and investment and to harness their scientific and technological capabilities for the benefit of the two countries and the world. The two sides also agreed to facilitate greater movement of professionals, investors and business travelers.

The U.S. decision to take steps to ease export controls on high technology exports to India, and the new bilateral initiatives in establishing Joint Clean Energy Research and Development Centre in India; exploration and assessment of shale gas resources in India; Energy Cooperation Programme; establishment of a Global Disease Detection Centre in India; and Implementing Arrangement for enhanced monsoon forecasting, will further strengthen bilateral economic cooperation.