

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA PART OF US FOCUS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India is part of wider US focus on Asia in improving ties on top priority;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the comments of the Government thereupon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) During the visit of US President Obama to India from 6-9 November 2010, Prime Minister and President Obama discussed their shared vision for peace, stability and prosperity in Asia, the Indian Ocean region and the Pacific region and committed to work together, and with others in the region, for the evolution of an open, balanced and inclusive architecture in the region. In this context, the leaders reaffirmed their support for the East Asia Summit and committed to regular consultations in this regard. The two leaders agreed to deepen existing regular strategic consultations on developments in East Asia, and decided to expand and intensify their strategic consultations to cover regional and global issues of mutual interest, including Central and West Asia.