GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3587 ANSWERED ON:01.12.2010 PM S VISIT TO USA Reddy Shri Komatireddy Raj Gopal;Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister is likely to visit USA and other foreign countries in the current year;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof;
- (c) the agenda prepared for discussion with USA and the areas identified for bilateral cooperation with each country;
- (d) the manner in which it would be beneficial for the country; and
- (e) the present status of opening of two consulates in USA?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Hon'ble Prime Minister is likely to pay an official visit to Belgium on December 9-10, 2010 for the India-European Union Summit and for a bilateral visit to Belgium. He is also likely to be on a bilateral visit to Germany on December 11, 2010. As of date no other visits of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to foreign countries are planned in 2010.
- (c) Bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual concern would be discussed with the leaders of the European Union, Belgium and Germany.
- (d) The visits will deepen the partnership that India enjoys with the European Union, Belgium and Germany to mutual benefit.
- (e) Required modalities are being completed for the opening of a Consulate in Atlanta in 2011.