GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to engage USA on China in the second Asian Strategic dialogue with USA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some senior officials from Indian side visited USA recently in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details of the discussions held in this regard; and
- (e) the future strategy chalked out by both the Governments on strategic Asian Policies?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) As part of their global strategic partnership, India and the United States hold consultations on regional and global issues of mutual interest. In this context, the two sides held a dialogue on East Asia in September 2010 in Washington DC.

During the visit of US President Obama to India from 6-9 November 2010, Prime Minister and President Obama had a 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.