

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA AND POLAND STRENGTHENING TIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Poland has strengthened their ties recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the MoUs signed in this regard; and
- (c) the benefits in each area to our country as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Prime Minister of Poland, H.E. Mr. Donald Tusk paid a State Visit to India from 6-8 September 2010. During the visit he called on the President and the Vice President and held delegation level talks with the Prime Minister. In these interactions, the two sides discussed important aspects of the bilateral relationship including, in particular, the enhancement of bilateral economic engagement. It was agreed that both sides would endeavour to enhance trade and investments in both directions with the target of doubling the value of bilateral trade by 2014. Prime Minister and the Polish Prime Minister also discussed global issues like reform of the UN Security Council and climate change. They agreed to expand cooperation in the field of clean coal technology. They also exchanged views on regional issues of common concern. The Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2010-13 was signed during the visit, which would further strengthen bilateral cultural links between the two countries.

(c) The State Visit of the Prime Minister of Poland served to reinforce the traditionally close relations between India and Poland, including in the fields of trade, investment and culture. During the visit Poland reiterated its support for India's permanent membership in an expanded UN Security Council.