

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF WORLD BANK PRESIDENT TO INDIA  
Siricilla Shri Rajaiah

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the World Bank President visited India and held talks recently; and
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held and decisions arrived at?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) The discussions held covered a wide range of issues including, inter alia, trends in global economy, rising commodity and food prices, risks to global economy, India's growing role in the world, trends and challenges in Indian economy, World Bank's current and emerging role and areas of India's engagement with the World Bank.

There was broad agreement that India and World Bank's partnership could be further strengthened in areas of agriculture, water management, urban development, livelihoods, skills development and infrastructure development. Inclusive and sustainable growth would be an area of focus. There would also be focus on bringing best development practices from around the globe and sharing India's development experience and expertise with others.