

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3490
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2009
INDO US RELATIONS UNDER NEW REGIME IN USA
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed its relations with USA after the establishment of new regime in that country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new regime in USA has shown keen interest in friendly relations with India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which India is likely to be helped by new regime in different fields like trade, defence, etc.;
- (e) the extent to which Indian foreign policy is likely to be affected; and
- (f) the policy likely to be adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (d): The governments of India and the US have expressed their desire to strengthen and deepen relationship, building upon the bilateral achievements realized during the prior engagement between the two countries. Soon after assumption of office, President Obama and his administration conveyed their keenness and commitment to continue the current bilateral partnership—as also their desire to take the relationship forward, through new initiatives, to a higher level of cooperation in the areas of shared interest. During the visit of US Secretary of State to India during 17-21 July 2009, a revised bilateral dialogue architecture to strengthen relations in science and technology, trade and commerce, peace and security, health and education, and cooperation and initiatives in global issues of common concern such as climate change, counter-terrorism, pandemics and disarmament were announced.

(e) & (f): The foreign policy of India vis-à-vis the United States of America would continue to be guided by our national interests. It is in the interest of Government of India to strengthen the bilateral partnership between the two countries to the level of a mutually beneficial global partnership.