

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH U.S.
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian envoy was told to seek higher degree of convergence with the United States to improve the bilateral relations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made so far?

Answer

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

(a) India and the United States maintain a high level of engagement including through their diplomats, in pursuance of a global strategic partnership, based on shared values and convergent interests, for mutual benefit of the two countries and promotion of global peace, stability and prosperity.

(b) & (c) The two governments are working to achieve these goals by holding regular high-level political dialogue and by expanding their cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral relations, including in the areas of defence, counter-terrorism, trade and investment, clean energy, science and technology and education; and, by strengthening their dialogue on global and regional issues of mutual interest. The two governments are making progress in all areas of bilateral relations.