

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF US SECRETARY OF STATE TO INDIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether US Secretary of State has visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the meetings/discussions held and agreements signed between the two countries; and
- (c) the issues upon which consent for cooperation between the two countries was reached; and
- (d) the details of benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton visited India from 18 – 21 July 2011.
- (b) & (c) The India-US Strategic Dialogue was held on 19 July 2011. During Secretary Clinton's visit, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to the India-US global strategic partnership, decided on a number of steps to further expand cooperation across the full spectrum of bilateral relations and discussed global and regional issues of mutual interest, including security challenges in our region and beyond. In addition, the two governments signed the Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement (BASA), the Memorandum of Understanding between Computer Emergency Response Teams of India and US (CERT-IN and US-CERT) and an Implementing Agreement on Discovery Science between the Department of Atomic Energy and the US Department of Energy.
- (d) The discussions and agreements during the Strategic Dialogue will help to advance mutually beneficial cooperation across all areas of bilateral cooperation, including in the fields of defence, counter-terrorism, trade and investment, clean energy, science and technology and education; and, also for advancing global peace, stability and prosperity.