

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:428

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INDIA-EU SUMMIT

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the senior European Union officials visited our country to deepen bilateral trade and security ties and to work on the India-EU Summit to hold in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details worked out so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes. The 12th India-EU Summit was held in New Delhi on February 10, 2012. President of the European Council, H.E. Mr. Herman van Rompuy and President of the European Commission, H.E. Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso visited India for the Summit. During their stay in Delhi, both leaders held discussions with Prime Minister on bilateral relations and regional and global issues. A Joint Statement was issued at the Summit reaffirming commitment on both sides to strengthen bilateral relations across the board including in the trade and security fields. Three other documents were issued at the Summit : Joint Declaration on Enhanced Cooperation on Energy, Joint Declaration on Research & Innovation Cooperation and an MoU on Statistical Cooperation.