

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO US DISCUSSION ON COUNTER TERROR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and the United States have held discussions on counter terror issue; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India and the United States hold regular discussions to strengthen cooperation in all aspects of counter-terrorism, including in the areas of sharing of information and assessments on terrorism and terrorist groups, especially in India's neighbourhood; intelligence exchange; cooperation in investigations; as well as counter-terrorism and security related capacity building and technology upgrading.

The India-U.S. Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism, which was established in February 2000, has held twelve meetings so far, last being in New Delhi on 25 March, 2011. The two sides further strengthened their counter-terrorism cooperation by signing the Counter-terrorism Cooperation Initiative in July 2010 and launching the Homeland Security Dialogue in May 2011.