

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Foreign Secretary is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure inter-ministerial coordination by the Development Partnership Administration (DPA) in the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other mechanism put in place by the Government to coordinate the efforts of MEA with the other ministries, particularly with respect to securing access to strategic materials, hydrocarbons etc.;
- (d) whether the Government recognises the need to designate a nodal agency or Ministry for effective follow up on these vital issues in consultation with MEA and missions abroad; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the action being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The Development Partnership Administration was set up in the Ministry of External Affairs to ensure speedy and efficient implementation of India's external economic assistance programme in close coordination with other Ministries/Departments. The Development Partnership Administration reports to Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, and periodically reports to the Committee of Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs, chaired by Foreign Secretary.
- (c) to (e) The Ministry of External Affairs and its missions abroad are closely associated with matters relating to raw materials access, as per the policy statement on acquisition of Raw Materials Assets abroad by Central Public Enterprises. The Ministry of External Affairs has a separate Energy Security Division which is the nodal point for coordination with Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and corporate entities on such matters, including hydrocarbons.