

**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 visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the agreements signed during her visit;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the bilateral relations between the two countries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) US Secretary of State, Ms. Hillary Clinton visited India during 17-21 July 2009. She called on PM, Leader of Opposition and Chairperson, UPA and held delegation level talks with External Affairs Minister. EAM and Secretary Clinton reviewed bilateral relations and jointly announced a new agenda for Indo-US bilateral cooperation in (i) science technology, health and innovation; (ii) strategic cooperation; (iii) energy and climate change;(iv) education and development; and (v) economics, trade and agriculture. The two leaders also discussed regional and global issues of common concern including the challenge of terrorism, nuclear proliferation, climate change, the global financial crisis and UN reform among other issues. A Technology Safeguards Agreement and an India-US Science and Technology Endowment Fund and Board Agreement were signed during the visit.

(c) India and the US are jointly implementing the bilateral agenda announced on 20 July 2009 to strengthen ties between the two countries.