

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3986

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INDIA AND BULGARIA SECURITY MEET

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Bulgaria have discussed the bilateral security issues of mutual interest in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the issues on which both the countries have agreed for cooperation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A meeting between Deputy Minister of Interior, Govt. of Bulgaria and Minister of State for Home, Govt. of India took place on October 16, 2012 in New Delhi in which bilateral security issues were discussed.

India and Bulgaria have signed a Security Cooperation Agreement on in May, 1994 in areas of Combating Organized Crime, International Terrorism and Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. In addition, India and Bulgaria have also signed Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty in Criminal Matters in September, 2007.