

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO US NUCLEAR DEAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and US have agreed to set a timeline for operationalising the civil nuclear agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of other issues reviewed during the recent visit of the US Secretary of State to India?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India and the US have encouraged the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) and Westinghouse to expedite commercial consultations towards setting up of a nuclear power plant at Mithivirdi in Gujarat. NPCIL is also in consultations with General Electric-Hitachi on setting up a nuclear power plant in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) External Affairs Minister and US Secretary of State co-chaired the fourth meeting of the India-US Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi on 24 June 2013. The two leaders discussed global issues of mutual interest and agreed to further strengthen bilateral cooperation, including on counter-terrorism, homeland security, trade and investment, science, technology and innovation, energy and environment, education and empowerment.