

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2204

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VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO USA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister is going to USA to discuss the issue of opening of two new Indian consulates in Atlanta and Seattle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of issues likely to be discussed and the agreements likely to be signed with USA during his visit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFIARS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c) During his visit to USA from 22-25 November 2009 Prime Minister reviewed bilateral cooperation and discussed regional and global issues of shared interest and common concern with President Barack Obama and senior leadership in USA.

The following Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and other documents were signed during the visit:

1. MoU for cooperation in Energy Security, Energy Efficiency, Clean Energy and Climate Change.
2. MoU on Agricultural Cooperation and Food Security.
3. MOU for Collaboration in Solar Energy Research and Development.
4. MOU for Collaboration in Wind Energy Research and Development.
5. India-USA Counterterrorism Cooperation Initiative
6. Memorandum of Intent for setting up a Global Disease Detection centre in Delhi.
7. Agreement for Access to Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.
8. MOU for Cooperation in the area of Patents, Designs and Trademarks.

Administrative processes are being completed for opening new Consulates of India in Atlanta and Seattle.