

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-US TIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indo-US strategic ties have improved in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has committed to US to increase military dialogue and quantity and quality of training exercises and to consider personnel exchanges on a more robust, vigorous basis;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether US have agreed to further strengthen military relations with India;
- (f) if so, whether any concrete agreement in this regard were signed; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIS. M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) Yes. Prime Minister paid a State visit to Washington during 22-26 November 2009. He met with President Obama. The two leaders reaffirmed their respective commitment to India-US Strategic Partnership.

(c) to (g) Both sides are interested in pursuing mutually beneficial defence cooperation in various areas. However, no specific commitments or agreements have been made or entered into in this respect.