

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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Strategic Relations between India and Russia  
Sanjar Shri Alok

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the strategic relations between India and Russia are getting strained;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the efforts made to remove differences relating to issues relating to nuclear liabilities including bilateral relation; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to strengthen relation with Russia in future?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) India and Russia share a special and privileged strategic partnership. Our relations with Russia are based on deep mutual trust and confidence. India-Russia relations continue to be on a firmly upward trajectory.

(c) & (d) Civil nuclear cooperation with Russia is progressing well. Further steps are being taken as envisaged in the bilateral Strategic Vision Document on strengthening cooperation in nuclear energy signed in December 2014. A wide-range of initiatives are being implemented to strengthen ties with Russia in other sectors such as defence, space, trade and investment as well as culture and people-to-people exchanges. The two countries have regular high-level interactions, including the Annual Summit, and institutional mechanisms, wherein all relevant issues are discussed.

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