

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether bilateral discussions were held between the Prime Minister and the US President recently;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held;
- (c) whether the issue regarding the US immigration reforms also came up during the said talks; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) US President Mr. Barack Obama called Shri Narendra Modi on May 16, 2014 to congratulate him on his Party's success. The US President noted that he looked forward to working closely with him to fulfill the spirit of the India-US Strategic Partnership; they agreed to continue expanding and deepening the wide-ranging cooperation between our two democracies. The US President also invited Prime Minister to visit Washington DC at a mutually agreeable time to further strengthen the bilateral relationship.

(c) & (d) The conversation took place over the telephone on the day the election results were announced, as a courtesy call to the newly elected Prime Minister prior to Prime Minister's assumption of office. Specific bilateral issues were therefore not discussed.