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Q. †2341 VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER OF FRANCE

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2341
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2014

VISIT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER OF FRANCE

†2341. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether External Affairs Minister of France recently came to India on two day's visit, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the deliberations and the issues discussed by Government with the External Affairs Minister of France;
- (c) whether India had selected French fighter plane, Rafael two years back but due to some reasons this deal is still pending; and
- (d) whether Government had discussed all issues like the deal of Rafael fighter plane, Jaitapur atomic power plant and climate change prominently with the external affairs Minister of France and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes. The Foreign Minister of France, Mr. Laurent Fabius was on a two day visit to India from 30 June – 1 July, 2014.
- (b) Both sides had discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual concern.
- (c) The process of contract negotiations with the L1 Vendor, M/s Dassault Aviation of France, for procurement of Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) is on.
- (d) The status of various bilateral projects was also discussed during the meeting. On climate change, India expressed its hope that a comprehensive, balanced and equitable outcome will be reached at the COP21 to be hosted by France in December 2015.



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