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DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT OF USA

356. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:
SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:
SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has held any discussion with the President of USA recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including agreements that are signed during his visit;
- (c) the present status of the Indo-US Civil Nuclear Agreement; and
- (d) the details of the negotiated agreement?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The President of the United States H. E. Barack Obama, accompanied by First Lady Michelle Obama, visited India from 25-27 January 2015 as the Chief Guest at India's 66th Republic Day celebrations. He held discussions with Prime Minister on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Prime Minister and the US President assessed the extensive bilateral strategic and global partnership between India and the United States and pledged to continue to enhance cooperation across a wide spectrum of human endeavour for the betterment of lives of their citizens and that of the global community.

The areas identified for further bilateral cooperation include trade and investment, defence and

homeland security, energy (including clean energy), climate change, education, health, Science and Technology, Space etc. India and the US also agreed to strengthen cooperation on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

To carry forward the bilateral cooperation across a range of sectors and in pursuance of the decisions taken in September 2014 during Prime Minister's visit to the US, 18 Agreements were signed between India and the United States in the run up to the visit of the US President to India in January 2015. [A list is attached.](#)

Three documents which were jointly issued during the visit outline the outcomes from the visit and identify the way forward on bilateral cooperation. The three documents are as follows:

(i) A Joint Statement titled "Saanjha Prayaas, Sabka Vikaas; Shared Effort, Prosperity for All" that outlines the substantial achievements and the several agreements that were signed in the four months since the first Summit between Prime Minister and President Obama in September 2014 and identifies the way forward in bilateral engagement;

(ii) The India-US Delhi Declaration of Friendship to elevate the longstanding India-US Strategic Partnership and strengthen and expand bilateral relations;

(iii) The India-US Joint Strategic Vision for the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region to promote peace, prosperity and stability in the region.

(c) & (d) During the visit of the US President to India in January 2015, India and the US announced that they have reached an understanding on the issues related to civil nuclear liability and the Administrative Arrangement for civil nuclear cooperation. A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Answers on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 and related issues has been published on the websites of Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy.



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