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QUESTION NO.2017 MoU WITH USA TO STRENGTHEN DEFENCE AND ECONOMY

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2017
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2016

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2017. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with United States of America (USA) to strengthen strategic defence and economic partnership;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details about the other agreements being done with USA in recent visit of Prime Minister (PM) to USA?

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

(a) to (c) The United States is India's important strategic partner for achieving our developmental objectives and regional and global aspirations. Over the years, India and the US have made concerted efforts to capture the true strength and scale of our strategic, political and economic opportunities.

Prime Minister visited the United States from 6-8 June 2016 at the invitation of the US President Barack Obama. There were significant and concrete outcomes from the visit in key areas of cooperation such as civil nuclear; clean energy; defence and security; economy and people-to-people ties which have been reflected in the Joint Statement titled "The United States and India: Enduring Global Partners in the 21st Century", issued during the visit.

The following documents were signed in the run upto the visit of Prime Minister to the US in June

2016:

- i. Arrangement between the Multi-Agency Centre/Intelligence Bureau of the Government of India and the Terrorist Screening Center of the Government of the United States of America for the exchange of Terrorist Screening Information
- ii. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America to enhance cooperation on Energy Security, Clean Energy and Climate Change
- iii. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Government of India and Government of the United States of America to enhance co-operation on Wildlife Conservation and Combating Wildlife Trafficking
- iv. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Consular, Passport and Visa Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and US Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security of the United States for the Development of an International Expedited Traveler Initiative (the Global Entry Programme)
- v. Technical Arrangement between the Indian Navy and the United States Navy concerning Unclassified Maritime Information Sharing
- vi. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India and the Department of Energy of the United States of America for Cooperation in Gas Hydrates

The following Agreements were finalized in the run upto the visit of Prime Minister to the US in June 2016:

- i. Information Exchange Annex (IEA) between the Ministry of Defence, Government of India and the Department of Defense of the United States of America to the Master Information Exchange Agreement concerning Aircraft Carrier Technologies (it has also been signed later)
- ii. Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement between the Ministry of Defence, Government of India and the Department of Defense of the United States of America



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