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QUESTION NO.3208 CHANGE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2017

CHANGE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

3208. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noted the changes in American foreign policy with the coming of the new President;
- (b) whether it would affect the 'Make in India' initiative of Government;
- (c) whether Government has noted that thousands of Indians may lose jobs in the United States of America due to President's new policies regarding visa procedure;
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to undertake any measures to deal with this situation?

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

(a) & (b) The new US Administration under President Trump has stated that it is committed to "America First" foreign policy focused on American interests and American national security. It seeks to prioritize defeating ISIS and other terror groups; rebuilding the American military; and promoting trade deals that are "fair" and protect the interests of American workers.

The Government of India's "Make in India" programme aims to promote ease of doing business in India and transform India into a global manufacturing hub. The Government considers that 'Make in India' initiative offers mutually beneficial partnership to both India and the United States.

(c) to (e) The Trump Administration has so far not announced any comprehensive policy changes impacting non-immigrant work visa programmes. The Government is keeping a close watch on the developments in the U.S. that may have a bearing on the movement of skilled Indian professionals to the United States. We remain engaged with the U.S. Administration and the U.S. Congress at senior levels on this matter.



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