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## QUESTION NO.1930 SECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH USA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1930  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.01.2018

### SECURITY PARTNERSHIP WITH USA, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA

1930. SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the USA has offered India credibility of security partnerships with Japan and Australia, that is, Quad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any preparatory work has been done in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the time period for the same?

ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (d) Government engages with various countries through bilateral, multilateral and plurilateral platforms on issues that advance our interests and promote our viewpoint. To this end, Government has recently engaged with Australia, Japan and the U.S. in a plurilateral consultation on issues of common interest in the Indo-Pacific region.

India also has separate trilateral mechanisms for consultations with Japan and the U.S. and with Australia and Japan. In its engagements with Australia, Japan and the U.S. under various plurilateral platforms, Government has discussed exploring practical steps to enhance cooperation on issues of common interest, including in the areas of maritime security, proliferation and counterterrorism.

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