

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:982  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000  
VISIT OF INDONESIA DELEGATION  
SUDARSANA E.M. NATCHIAPPAN

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether an Indonesian delegation visited India during February, 2000; and  
(b) if so, the details of the deliberations arrived at thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mr. Abdurrahman Wahid, President of Indonesia, accompanied by a high-powered delegation visited India on February 8-9, 2000. Discussions covered political, economic and cultural relations between our two countries. An Indian proposal for joint exploration of Liquid Natural Gas in Indonesia was positively received and a decision was taken to establish a Joint Commission at the Ministerial level which would facilitate regular exchanges on this and other matters of bilateral interest. It was also decided to set up a vocational training centre for construction technology in Indonesia under the ITEC Programme. Possibility of selling electric locomotives to Indonesia was discussed and an MOU on Tourism was signed by respective Ministers. Separately, MMTTC and KADIN-Indonesia signed an MOU on counter trade arrangement while IRCON and Mitra-Jaya Group entered into an MOU for executing railway projects in Indonesia.