

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-BANGLADESH TIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the relations of India with Bangladesh has deteriorated over the last few months;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to restore normalcy in the relations ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) No. In fact there have been a number of high level exchanges in the recent past. The Foreign Minister of Bangladesh visited India from 13-16th February, 2003 and subsequently the Finance Minister of Bangladesh visited India from 19-22nd May. The External Affairs Minister also visited Dhaka recently from 14-16th July for the sixth meeting of the Joint Economic Commission.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.