

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PM'S VISIT TO RUSSIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hon`ble Prime Minister visited Russia recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of discussions held and the agreements signed, if any, on the occasion;
- (d) whether the Government has welcomed the idea of tripartite co-operation with Russia and China;
- (e) if so, the details of the same and the reasons for welcoming the idea; and
- (f) the benefits likely to be accrued to India as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prime Minister visited Moscow from 4-7 December 2005 to participate in the annual summit meeting with the Russian President.

(c) The Prime Minister of India and the President of the Russian Federation discussed a wide range of bilateral issues and exchanged views on regional and international topics. Three agreements, namely: Agreement on Reciprocal Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in the field of Military-Technical Cooperation; Agreement on Safeguard Technologies while implementing long-term cooperation in the area of joint development, operation and use of the GLONASS System for peaceful purposes; and Agreement between the Indian Space Research Organization and the Federal Space Agency of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the field of solar physics and solar-terrestrial relationships within the framework of the Coronas-Photon Project, were signed immediately after the summit level talks.

(d), (e) & (f) Government welcomes mutually beneficial cooperation with Russia and China. The Foreign Ministers of the three countries have met regularly in the last few years. The development of mutually beneficial cooperation amongst the three countries would contribute to economic well being of the people of the three countries and to the strengthening of peace and stability not only in Asia but also globally.