

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF US PRESIDENT TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US President is coming to India on the invitation by the Union Government along with the likely date of his arrival.
- (b) whether Indo-US relationship has become strained in view of the Iran episode; and
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by the Union Government to normalize the relations between the two countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (ANAND SHARMA)

- a) The President of the United States of America is likely to visit India very soon. The exact dates of the visit and details are being finalized by the two sides.
- b) India's relations with United States stand on their own merit and are not influenced by India's ties with other countries. There has been steady progress in India-US relations in recent times. India-US interaction today is multifaceted and includes cooperation on strategic and security issues, counter-terrorism, science and technology, health, trade, space, energy and environment.
- c) India's bilateral relations with United States are normal.