

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF NUCLEAR TEST BY NORTH KOREA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether trade between India and North Korea has been affected by the recent nuclear test conducted by North Korea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which this test is likely to affect the Indo-US nuclear deal;
- (d) whether India is also a party to sanctions imposed by the UNSC on North Korea;
- (e) if so, whether the Prime Minister discussed this issue with any foreign countries recently; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b) Trade between India and DPRK is already miniscule and falling further as a percentage of India's total trade. As restrictive measures imposed by the United Nations Security Council after the reported nuclear test conducted by DPRK are focused on trade in weapon systems, luxury goods and goods of relevance to weapons of mass destruction and missiles, it is unlikely that there would be any specific effect on India-DPRK trade.
- (c) In Government's assessment the DPRK nuclear test is not likely to affect the India-US understanding on civilian nuclear energy.
- (d) UN Security Council resolution 1718 adopted under Article 41 of Chapter VII of the UN Charter on the DPRK nuclear test imposes obligations on all member States, including India.
- (e) & (f) The issue was discussed recently, inter alia, with UK Prime Minister Mr. Tony Blair and Finland Prime Minister Mr. Matti Vanhanen (in his capacity as President of the European Council) during Prime Minister's recent visit to Europe. Deep concern was expressed at the test conducted by DPRK in violation of its international commitments.