

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND INDIA TO CHECK TERRORISM  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to evolve a consensus with Australia to check terrorist activities in both the countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)–(c) India and Australia have a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Counter-Terrorism and Immigration, which has met four times since its inception in 2003. The 4th Meeting of the JWG was held in New Delhi on 14 February 2006 and the 5th Meeting is scheduled to be held in Canberra on 29-30 August 2007. The JWG on Counter-Terrorism and Immigration provides a mechanism for bilateral cooperation in combating terrorism.