

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN STAKE IN SYRIAN OIL FIELD

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United States has asked the Union Government to cancel the proposed investment in buying a stake in a Syrian oil field in partnership with China;
- (b) if so, the reasons advanced by the USA in this regard;
- (c). whether the government has agreed to the said suggestions:
- (d). if so, whether the same is likely to adversely affect India`s efforts to ensure energy security; and
- (e), if so, the steps taken / proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) No, Sir

(b) (c), (d) & (e) Does not arise.