

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TALKS WITH IAEA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India, USA and the International Atomic Energy Agency (I.A.E.A.) held talks recently;
- (b) if so, the details of matters on which the talks were held; and
- (c) the understanding reached among the three as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a)-(c) A joint delegation of representatives from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the US visited New Delhi on 9 February 2005 for a meeting on the Regional Radiological Security Partnership (RRSP) programme. During the meeting, the three sides acknowledged their shared objective of enhancing globally the security of dangerous radioactive sources. The IAEA and the US delegates also expressed appreciation for India's offer of providing infrastructure and expertise on a regular basis for conducting international training courses in India under the aegis of the IAEA on issues related to the security of radiological sources and materials as also for locating orphan radioactive sources in countries which are unable to effectively deal with them and which seek assistance from the IAEA. The three sides agreed to continue further discussions on the subject.