

(d) if so, the type of relations India and UAE have had during the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR):

(a) and (b) Yes. The three agreements currently being discussed between the two countries are:

1. Agreement on Security Cooperation
2. Agreement on the transfer of sentenced persons
3. Agreement on cooperation and mutual assistance in custom matters

(c) and (d) Yes. India's relations with UAE continue to be warm, friendly and irritant free. They are based on continuity, trust and confidence. Our ties are multi-faceted, encompassing and cover many areas of bilateral cooperation. Both sides have made sincere efforts to improve relations in all fields.

Asian highway Network Project

†1744. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,40,000 km. long, Asian highway Network Project, which is important in terms of trade and was supposed to pass through India, would now pass through Myanmar instead of India due to China's opposition;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government of India to make the said Asian highway Network Project pass through India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR):

(a) No. The Intergovernmental Agreement on Asian Highway Network, to which India is party, was adopted on 18 November, 2003 and ratified by India on 17 May, 2006. China and Myanmar are also party to the agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Talks with Chinese Premier

1745. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Prime Minister had a brief talk with the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on the sidelines of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit at Hanoi recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR):

(a) and (b) Prime Minister met with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on 29 October, 2010 in Hanoi on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit. The two leaders had a frank and constructive exchange of views on all issues of mutual interest and concern. The two leaders agreed that there is enough space in the world to accommodate the development aspirations of both India and China. They agreed that the two countries have great potential for bilateral cooperation, especially as their economies expand. Prime Minister also conveyed to the Chinese side that both India and China should show sensitivity to each other's core concerns. They reaffirmed the need to maintain peace and tranquility on the border pending a resolution of the boundary question.

Possibility of dialogue with China

†1746. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of holding dialogue of Indian high officials with Chinese counterparts in coming months;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government of India has prepared any agenda on behalf of the country for these dialogues; and

(d) if so, whether it includes issues like presence of China in Pakistan occupied region, installation of atomic project by China in Pakistan and Visa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR):

(a) to (d) The 4th India-China Strategic Dialogue between Foreign Secretary and the Chinese Vice Foreign Minister was held on 16 November, 2010 in Beijing. The two sides held discussions on all issues of mutual interest and concern, including issues related to Jammu and Kashmir and China-Pakistan nuclear cooperation.

Russian policy towards India

1747. SHRI SABIR ALI:

SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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