

for United Nations Security Council (UNSC) non-permanent seat of the Asia-Pacific Group (APG) for the term 2021-22. India's candidature to UNSC non-permanent seat for 2021-22 term was endorsed by the 55-member APG in June, 2019. As many as 44 countries from APG made statements supporting India's candidature, and no country opposed our candidature. The elections for UNSC non-permanent seats for the term 2021-22 will be held in June, 2020 in New York.

(c) and (d) In the past, India has been elected to the UNSC as non-permanent member seven times during the terms: 1950-51, 1967-68, 1972-73, 1977-78, 1984-85, 1991-92 and 2011-12.

Meeting with US Secretary of State in Delhi

2895. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting was held with US Secretary of State in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details of issues which came for discussion in the meeting;
- (c) the details of bilateral issues discussed and the views exchanged between the two Ministers to resolve them; and
- (d) whether H1B visa issue was also discussed and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) to (c) Yes. The U.S. Secretary of State, Michael R. Pompeo, met External Affairs Minister on 26 June, 2019, during his visit to India. They exchanged views on various bilateral, regional, and global issues of topical significance and common interest. They explored bilateral cooperation in the fields of counter-terrorism, defence, energy, trade and investment, and people-to-people ties.

(d) Issues related to the H-1B visa programme were discussed in context of people-to-people exchanges, and the contributions of the Indian diaspora and PIOs to the U.S. society and economy.

Meetings in G-20 summit

2896. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries with which the Indian Prime Minister has held a dialogue during G-20 summit held recently in Japan;