

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 20/07/2023

STRENGTHENING OF INDIA AND AMERICA RELATIONSHIP

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the key points of the recent visit of Prime Minister to the United States;
- (b) the steps taken to strengthen the relations between India and US during the last 5 years;
and
- (c) whether the relations between India and the US have strengthened, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi traveled to the United States of America from 20-23 June 2023, for an official State visit at the invitation of President of USA H.E. Mr. Joseph Biden. The invitation was reflective of the strong and friendly relations between the two countries. Prime Minister's meeting with President Biden was substantive and fruitful. They agreed to elevate bilateral relations through futuristic and enhanced collaborations in technology domains, boosting commercial ties, diversifying defence cooperation and strengthening people-to-people ties. Key outcomes of the visit are mentioned in the attached Joint Statement issued on 22 June 2023.

(b) Over the last five years, India-US relations have transformed with bilateral cooperation deepening across domains. The bilateral strategic partnership is underpinned by a regular and high level dialogue between the Leaders, senior Ministers and officials. Major steps taken in the last five years to consolidate ties include:

- ◆ Elevation of the relationship to a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.
- ◆ Launch of a Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue.
- ◆ Launch of the Initiative for Critical and Emerging Technologies.
- ◆ Launch of Strategic Trade Dialogue.
- ◆ Launch of a Counter-Narcotics Working Group.
- ◆ Signing of Foundational Defence Agreements - Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA); Industrial Security Annexe; and Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement [BECA].

- ◆ India and USA working together in plurilateral frameworks such as Quad and I2U2.
- ◆ Enhanced cooperation on a wide range of global issues.
- ◆ Cooperation during India's ongoing G20 Presidency.

(c) Relations between India and the United States of America have seen a steady growth and development over the years. The bilateral relations are on a strong footing, given the shared values, deep rooted cooperation, strategic convergences and strong people-to-people linkages.
