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ANSWERED ON
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that strengthening of relations between India and Japan is very important in the present scenario;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether Government has identified the areas required for strengthening the relations with Japan, if so, the details of such probable areas?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c) India seeks to develop a strong, vigorous and all-encompassing relationship with Japan based on shared values and interests. A number of initiatives have been taken to consolidate relations between India and Japan in political, economic and security areas. India and Japan have established a Strategic and Global Partnership and a mechanism of Annual Summits between Prime Ministers of the two countries. Joint flagship projects such as the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) and the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) have been launched to develop infrastructure in India with Japan's assistance. Negotiations on India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement have been concluded. Japan and India are conducting mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of security under the framework of the 2008 Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation and taken up concrete projects under the 2009 Action Plan to Advance Security Cooperation. India and Japan share wide-ranging interests on regional and global issues and have a number of areas of functional cooperation, including science and technology, energy and people-to-people exchanges.