

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE US

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

- (a) the details of the important people the Prime Minister met during his recent visit to the US;
- (b) the details of the outcome of this meeting;
- (c) whether Tesla and other American multinational companies are considering setting up their plants in India; and
- (d) if so, 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 U.S.A H.E. Mr. Joseph Biden. Prime Minister's programme was comprehensive and included a diverse range of interactions focusing on the current and potential areas of growth in bilateral relations.

- Prime Minister had substantive meetings with President Biden.
- Prime Minister and President Biden jointly attended a 'Technology Roundtable with Indian and US tech companies moderated by US Secretary of Commerce, Gina Raimondo.
- U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris and U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken hosted Prime Minister for a Luncheon.
- Prime Minister addressed a Joint Sitting of the US Congress and met the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Kevin McCarthy and other Congressional Leaders.
- Prime Minister and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden jointly presided over an event focussed on "Skilling for the Future".
- Prime Minister interacted with several CEOs of leading US-based companies.
- Prime Minister addressed professionals from several fields inviting them to participate in India's growth story.
- Prime Minister interacted with select leaders of the Indian community and thought leaders.

(b) Key outcomes of the meetings:

- Indian Space Research Organization[ISRO] signed the Artemis Accords with U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA] for cooperation in civil exploration of outer space for peaceful purposes.
- Six outstanding bilateral disputes between the two countries in WTO were resolved.
- India-US New and Emerging Renewable Energy Technologies Action Platform was launched.
- India became a member of the Mineral Security Partnership.
- MoU between General Electric of U.S.A and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the manufacture of jet engines in India.
- A Defense Industrial Cooperation Roadmap was adopted to provide policy direction to defence industries of both countries.
- Launch of a pilot program by US to adjudicate domestic renewals of temporary work visas, including for Indian nationals.
- US to open two new consulates in India in Bengaluru and Ahmedabad.
- India will take steps to operationalize its new consulate in Seattle later this year, and open two new consulates at jointly identified locations in the US.

(c & d) During the interaction of the Prime Minister with Tesla's CEO Elon Musk, the latter expressed interest in investing in India. Other US based MNCs who announced their planned investments in setting up plants are:

- (a) Applied Materials Inc. announced an investment of US \$400 million to establish a collaborative engineering centre in India.
- (b) Micron Technology, Inc., announced that it would invest around US \$825 million to build a new semiconductor assembly and test facility in India.
- (c) Boeing announced a US \$100 million investment for infrastructure and programs to train pilots in India.
