

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018

INDO-US RELATIONSHIP

1181. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the impact on India's relationship with America consequent upon aligning with Russia and China on the issue of sanctions against Iran;
- (b) the areas of mutual interest on which broad consensus between the US and India has been arrived at;
- (c) the crucial areas on which divergent views between the two countries emerged; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government proposes to address these areas of the Indo-US relations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) On 08 May 2018, the U.S. Administration announced its decision to withdraw from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with Iran and re-impose the U.S. sanctions suspended under JCPOA, in two stages effective 6 August 2018 and 4 November 2018.

India has maintained that the Iranian nuclear issue should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy by respecting Iran's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy as also the international community's strong interest in the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program. All parties should engage constructively to address and resolve issues that have arisen with respect to the JCPOA.

India-U.S. bilateral relations have developed into a comprehensive strategic and global partnership, based on shared democratic values and increasing convergence of interests on bilateral, regional and global issues. India-U.S. strategic partnership extend to the entirety of human endeavour.

India and the U.S. continue to engage with each other, including at the highest level and in structured Ministerial and Senior official-level dialogue mechanisms, on a wide range of issues of shared interest and concern.
