

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.57**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018

**ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO INDIA**

57. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has recently met his Israeli counterpart;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of visit of Israeli Prime Minister to India;
- (c) whether the Government has signed any memoranda or has made any deal with Israel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether this initiative would help in successfully curbing the growing terrorism in India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) Prime Minister met H.E. Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, during the latter's visit to India from 14-19 January 2018. During the visit, both sides held extensive discussions on various areas of mutual interest viz. agriculture, water, science & technology, cyber, energy, trade & investment, defence & security and air connectivity. PM Netanyahu participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> India-Israel CEO Forum meeting, Business Summit, Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi and visited i-CREATE (International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology) and held interactions with innovators/Start-up CEOs in Ahmedabad. He also visited Centre of Excellence for fruits and vegetables at Vadrad, Gujarat and jointly inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Date Palms at Bhuj through video link.

(c) to (e) During the visit nine MoUs/ Agreements/ Memorandum/ Letters of intent were signed in the fields of cyber, air transport, film co-production, energy, homeopathy and space. It was agreed in the Joint Statement to hold the next meeting of Joint Working Groups on Homeland and Public Security and accordingly, a meeting was held in New Delhi on 27-28 February, 2018 to strengthen security cooperation between the two countries.

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