GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-347 ANSWERED ON-03/02/2023

COOPERATION UNDER MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK

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

(a) whether the Minister recently visited Russia to review trade ties against back drop of western countries and finalize agenda for cooperation under multilateral framework including G-20 and BRICS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the detailed discussion held between two nations regarding Russia-Ukraine war, terrorism in Pakistan and Afghanistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and other steps taken/discussed in regard to meet the energy demand of India from Russia?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to d) External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, visited Russia on 7-8 November 2022. During the visit, he held meetings with Mr. Denis Manturov, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Trade and Industry, who is also his counterpart for the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) and Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation. External Affairs Minister discussed issues of bilateral trade and economic cooperation, including energy with the Russian Deputy Prime Minister. He discussed issues regarding bilateral cooperation and also exchanged views on regional and international developments including G-20 with the Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

Both countries regularly exchange views, including at the highest level, on issues of mutual interest including, Russia-Ukraine conflict, terrorism, situation in Afghanistan and the region.
