

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIA-JAPAN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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

(a) the concrete steps being worked on by India and Japan to strengthen strategic partnership in Indo-Pacific region;

(b) whether any discussions took place regarding defence and security cooperation in the recently held meeting between Japan and India, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new partnership is being proposed in Indian defence production policy by Japan, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the manner in which both nations plan to enhance economic and trade relations especially in critical sectors like technology and infrastructure;

(e) the current status of Japanese investment in India and whether there are any new commitments from Japan regarding investments in new projects in India; and

(f) whether the Chhattisgarh is likely to be benefited through infrastructure and industrial development due to the said partnership and the investments likely to be made by Japan, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) India's Act-East Policy and the vision of SAGAR, and Japan's Free and Open Indo-Pacific Vision have several convergences. Our collaboration within the Quad framework further complements bilateral engagement, reflecting a shared commitment to a free, open, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

(b) to (d) Raksha Mantri met Japanese Defense Minister Mr Gen Nakatani on November 22, 2024 in Vientiane, Lao PDR on the sidelines of 11th ADMM-Plus. Both reiterated the importance of defence industry and technology cooperation between the two countries and recalled the signing of Memorandum of Implementation of UNICORN mast in Japan on 15 November 2024. They agreed for enhanced cooperation in co-

production and co-development in the defence manufacturing sector. Both discussed to further improve inter-operability between the Indian and Japanese forces, Reciprocal Provision of Supply and Services Agreement between the two countries and participation of militaries in various bilateral and multilateral exercises. Both also agreed to explore new areas of cooperation in the air domain.

(e) & (f) Japan remains the fifth-largest source of foreign investment in India. During the visit of former Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida to India on March 19, 2022, the two sides expressed their shared intention to realise JPY 5 trillion of public and private investment and financing from Japan to India in the next five years, to finance appropriate public and private projects of mutual interest. India-Japan Industrial Competitiveness Partnership, the Clean Energy Partnership and the Semiconductor Supply Chain Partnership reflect the contemporary agenda with the goal to promote reliable and resilient supply chains, trusted digital collaborations and secure green growth. During the Dialogue on Economic Security, including Strategic Trade & Technology, conducted in Nov 2024 in Tokyo, the two sides covered topics related to economic security, supply chain resilience, and partnership in critical and emerging technologies.
