

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-5631

ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

QUAD FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

5631. SHRI P P CHAUDHARY

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SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH

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

(a) the specific agreements and understandings reached during the Minister's first bilateral meeting with the new US Administration, particularly regarding strategic partnership and defense cooperation thereof;

(b) whether any roadmap has been established for strengthening India-US cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, if so, the key focus areas and mechanisms for implementation thereof;

(c) whether any framework has been developed for collaboration in critical and emerging technologies, including semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the key outcomes of the QUAD Foreign Ministers' meeting held in January 2025, along with India's specific contributions and commitments therein?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) The External Affairs Minister represented the Prime Minister as his Special Envoy at the inauguration of the U.S. President on 20 January 2025. During bilateral interactions, both sides affirmed a shared commitment to strengthen the Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership between India and the United States. A wide range of topics were discussed, including regional and global issues and opportunities for

further deepening the India-U.S. partnership in critical and emerging technologies, defense cooperation, energy, education and legal mobility. No specific bilateral agreement was concluded during the visit.

The Quad Foreign Ministers met in Washington D.C. on 21 January 2025 and reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening a Free and Open Indo-Pacific where the rule of law, democratic values, sovereignty, and territorial integrity are upheld and defended. They underlined their conviction that international law, economic opportunity, peace, stability, and security in all domains including the maritime domain, underpin the development and prosperity of the peoples of the Indo-Pacific. The Ministers also expressed their strong opposition to any unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion. They agreed to strengthen regional maritime, economic, and technology security as well as promoting reliable and resilient supply chains and advance the work of the Quad in preparation for the next Quad Leaders' Summit to be hosted by India in 2025.
