

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1617
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2015**

INDO-NORTH KOREA TIES

1617. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is planning to upgrade its relation with North Korea;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the progress made in this regard so far?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) In recent years, India has maintained steady exchanges with Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). DPRK Foreign Minister visited India from 12-14 April, 2015. This was the first ever visit by DPRK Foreign Minister to India. During the visit, DPRK Foreign Minister had a meeting with External Affairs Minister. He also had interactions with the business community. He expressed a desire to have greater economic exchanges between India and DPRK. He conveyed appreciation for humanitarian assistance by India to DPRK.
