

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3713
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2000
INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION
ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India participated in the recently held meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation at Oman;
- (b) if so, the details of deliberations that took place in the meeting; and
- (c) the details of agreements signed thereat?

Answer

MINISTER FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes Sir. The Honourable Minister for External Affairs of Government of India attended an extra-ordinary meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional co-operation (IOR-ARC) Council of Ministers held at Muscat Oman, from 22-23rd January 2000.

(b) & (c) The meeting dealt inter-alia with the following issues:- Instrument of Acceptance, Headquarters Agreement, rules of Procedure, Application for membership and other forms of association, Logo, Chair and Associate Fellows in Indian Ocean studies.