

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5545  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001  
CHINA'S ENTRY IN SAARC  
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

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

- (a) whether China has expressed its desire to join the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the Government's response thereto by way of sponsoring or supporting China's entry into SAARC ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.