

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ASIAN CO-OPERATION DIALOGUE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a round of Asian Co-operation dialogue was held in China recently;
- (b) if so, whether India participated in the said dialogue;
- (c) if so, the details of the issues raised during the dialogue;
- (d) the stand adopted by India on the issues discussed;
- (e) the details of other countries which participated in the said event; and
- (f) the outcome of the talks held?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Discussions during the Third ACD Ministerial Meeting focussed more on organizational issues than on a dialogue on substantive issues.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) 25 countries from Asia including 10 ASEAN countries, China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka., Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, UAE, Iran, Kazakhstan attended the Meeting.
- (f) A joint declaration on Asian Co-operation and Qingdao Initiative on Regional Co-operation on Energy Security was adopted.