

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the recently concluded Delhi meet of the Foreign Ministers of Russia, China and India decided to have a Tripartite Business meet this year;
- (b) if so, the details of areas on which discussions were held; and
- (c) the follow-up actions taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes. The Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China agreed that a trilateral business forum would be held in India during 2007.
- (b) The three sides discussed trilateral economic cooperation in areas such as energy, transport infrastructure, health, information technology and bio-technology. They also exchanged views on the global situation, regional developments of common concern, counter- terrorism and anti-narco trafficking efforts.
- (c) The Government of India is consulting with the Russian and Chinese authorities regarding dates for the trilateral business forum and seminar on emerging geo-strategic trends.