

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3137
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TRIUMVIRATE OF DELHI, MOSCOW AND BEIJING
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal for the creation of a triumvirate of Delhi, Moscow and Beijing for economic development and peace in the region;
- (b) if so, whether all the three countries have discussed the various issues that are likely to be taken up jointly by them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the outcome in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No Sir, the Union Government has not received any proposal for the creation of a triumvirate of Delhi, Moscow and Beijing for economic development and peace in the region. However, the Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China have been meeting informally to exchange views on various issues of mutual interest including international issues.
- (b) During the third trilateral meeting of the Foreign Ministers held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 21 October 2004, the prospect of economic cooperation at the trilateral level was also discussed.
- (c) The Foreign Ministers of Russia and China welcomed the proposal made by EAM that India could host the first meeting of businessmen of the three countries.
- (d) Not Applicable.