

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4140  
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G-20 SUMMIT  
Dutt Smt. Priya Sunil

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

- (a) whether the issue of Global Calamity Management was included in the discussions held in G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh, USA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that G-20 Summit has emerged as a major forum in place of G-7 for International Economic Co-operation; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b): The Leaders at the G-20 meeting at Pittsburgh expressed concern about the poorest countries having little economic cushion to protect vulnerable populations from calamity, particularly as the international financial crisis followed soon after the global increase in food prices.

(c) & (d): The Pittsburgh Summit designated the G-20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation which has been welcomed by the Government.