

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has accepted invitation to attend International Conference in Tehran;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the issues discussed at the meeting and decisions arrived at?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry has not received any invitation for any International Conference to be held in Tehran in the near future. India did however participate in two multi-lateral meetings held in the last few months in Tehran.

I visited Iran from May 15-18, 2010 as the head of the Indian delegation for the 14th G-15 Summit which was held in Tehran. The Summit focussed on South-South cooperation, international trade, global economic and financial situation, food and energy security and climate change. During my stay in Iran, I called on President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and met Majlis Speaker Ali Larijani and Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki. During my interactions with the Iranian dignitaries, I exchanged views on bilateral, regional and international developments of mutual interest.

Iran also organized an international conference on 'Disarmament and Non-proliferation' from April 17-18, 2010 in Tehran. The conference was attended by representatives from various countries, including India. The issues discussed at the meeting included international disarmament and security, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and nuclear issues.