

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a delegation headed by the Prime Minister participated in India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Summit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the negotiations held and the agreements made with respect to India in the said Summit?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Yes.

(b) Prime Minister led the Indian delegation to the 5th IBSA Summit held in Pretoria, South Africa on 18 October 2011. The Summit was preceded by Meetings of IBSA Foreign Ministers, Trade Ministers, Focal Points and meetings of ten of sixteen IBSA Joint Working Groups and six People-to-People Fora.

(c) The Summit focused on consultations, coordination and cooperation among IBSA countries in multilateral organizations, global governance reforms, Peace Building Commission, global financial and economic crisis, social dimensions of global governance, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), international trade, sustainable development, climate change, Bio-diversity, global food security, South-South Cooperation, Human Rights, Disarmament and Non-proliferation, terrorism, prevailing situation in the Middle East and North Africa and other regional issues.

A Tshwane Declaration – which covered all these issues comprehensively – was issued at the Summit. A trilateral MoU on Cooperation among IBSA Diplomatic Academies was signed. The MoU aims at enhancing cooperation in capacity building of diplomats of IBSA countries.