

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE FM'S VISIT TO INDIA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Foreign Minister of China visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues that figured in his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any agreements have been signed during the visit; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to be accrued to the country therefrom?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi visited New Delhi on 29 February-1 March, 2012. He held extensive discussions on bilateral, regional and global issues with the External Affairs Minister. They also discussed the agenda and outcome of the BRICS Summit due to take place in New Delhi in March 2012. During the talks, the two sides agreed to promote provincial and local-level cooperation between India and China and to establish a dialogue on Maritime Cooperation to strengthen policy coordination on maritime issues. The visiting Foreign Minister also called on the Vice President and the Prime Minister.

(c) & (d) No agreement was signed during the visit.