

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the BRICS position on the Iranian and Syrian question reflects the true essence of their respective national positions on these issues and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Indian position on Iranian and Syrian question in the BRICS communique is in sync with its position as articulated in the United Nations Security Council deliberations on these issues by its Diplomats and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which India now perceives the future of BRICS going forth from the 4th Summit; and
- (d) whether India is in agreement with the idea that BRICS must evolve as a viable geo-political entity as opposed to economic organism that was the basis of its conception?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The BRICS position on the Iranian and Syrian question as reflected in the BRICS Delhi Declaration issued at the 4th Summit held in New Delhi on 29 March 2012 is the agreed position amongst the BRICS countries reflecting their respective national positions on these issues. These positions are in line with those taken by India in UN fora.
- (c) & (d) India attaches high importance to its engagement with BRICS as a platform for coordination, consultation and cooperation on contemporary issues having global as well as regional significance, as well as issues of political and economic global governance. BRICS as a group has demonstrated the shared will and capacity to engage with each other as well as with the world community in addressing and seeking sustainable solutions to global economic and political challenges and concerns for the promotion of global stability and well-being.