

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NAM SUMMIT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has attended the 16th NAM Summit in Tehran;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Prime Minister held meetings with leaders of other countries on the sidelines of the summit; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Prime Minister led the Indian delegation to the XVI Summit Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) held in Tehran in Iran on 30-31 August, 2012. In his speech at the Summit, PM highlighted the important role for NAM in addressing the central challenges of our time relating to the management of the global economy and finance, securing stable food and energy supplies, poverty alleviation, eradication of hunger and deprivation, tackling pandemics, literacy levels, ensuring sustainable development and coping with climate change.

(c) & (d) As part of his bilateral visit to Iran before the NAM Summit, the Prime Minister had meetings with the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Sayed Ali Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on 29 August 2012. During these meetings, both sides recalled our historical relations and cultural links, and reviewed the state of bilateral relations between our countries. On the sidelines of the NAM Summit, PM had meetings with the Presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan, and the Prime Ministers of Nepal, Bangladesh and Syria, where issues of bilateral and regional