

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1053
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MEETING OF INDO RUSSIAN INTER GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION
Muttemwar Shri Vilas Baburao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 15th session of Indo-Russian Inter Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural cooperation was held in Moscow in October, 2009; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the decision taken at the Conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) Yes. The 15th Session of India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) was held in Moscow on 21 October 2009.

(b) External Affairs Minister and the Russian Deputy Prime Minister Mr.Sergei Sobyenin co-chaired the meeting. Both sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation in the spheres of trade and investment. Both sides agreed on an upward revision of the bilateral trade target to US\$ 20 billion by 2015 from US\$ 10 billion in 2010. A Protocol was signed at the end of the meeting reflecting the decisions arrived at during the meeting.