

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA CHINA AND RUSSIA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia were held recently at Bengaluru;
- (b) If so, the details of the issues discussed therein; and
- (c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia met in Bengaluru on 27 October 2009.

(b) The Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China discussed strengthening trilateral cooperation and global and regional issues during their 9th Trilateral Meeting. There was an exchange of views among the three Ministers on global issues such as UN reform, climate change and global economic governance architecture. There was also an exchange of views on developments in the region, including on Afghanistan, Iran and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

(c) It was agreed to strengthen trilateral cooperation including trilateral business interaction. The Ministers condemned terrorism and discussed measures to counter terrorism. A Joint CommuniquÃ© was issued. No agreements were signed.