

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF MISSIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently convened a Conference of Heads of Missions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether bilateral relations, FDI and foreign policies discussed in the conference; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, a conference of the Heads of Mission was held in New Delhi from September 14-16, 2012.

(c) & (d) The objective of the Conference was to take a comprehensive stock of the evolving priorities, opportunities and challenges of India's external engagement. Accordingly, the participants deliberated over a whole range of relevant bilateral and multilateral foreign policy issues including the various aspects of India's expanding global economic engagement.