GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3084 ANSWERED ON:12.12.2012 ASEAN SUMMIT Shekhar Shri Neeraj

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and China had top-level bilateral talks recently on the sidelines of ASEAN summit;
- (b) if so, the details of the discussions held;
- (c) whether any bilateral agreements have been arrived at during the dialogue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) PM had a bilateral meeting with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on the sidelines of the 7th East Asia Summit at Phnom Penh on November 19, 2012.
- (b) The two leaders discussed the prospects for the Strategic and Cooperative Partnership between India and China, the positive impact of frequent high level exchanges, ways to enhance bilateral economic cooperation and expansion of people-to-people exchanges. Premier Wen Jiabao conveyed that the new leadership of China will give great importance to the relationship with India. The overall perspective in which the discussions were held was that there is enough space for the simultaneous development of both India and China.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.