

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the India-ASEAN special Commemorative Summit held in New Delhi recently;
- (b) the agreement reached and memoranda signed to strengthen the economic engagement in the region;
- (c) whether the tension with China, especially on South China Sea, has been discussed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the conclusions arrived at in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit under the theme 'ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace and Shared Prosperity' was held in New Delhi on December 20-21, 2012 to commemorate 20 years of dialogue relations and 10 years of Summit level partnership with ASEAN. It was attended by Heads of State / Heads of Government from 9 ASEAN Member States, Vice-President of the Philippines and Secretary General of ASEAN. The Vision Statement adopted at the Commemorative Summit declared that the ASEAN-India Partnership stands elevated to a strategic partnership and welcomed the successful conclusion of the negotiation on ASEAN-India Trade in Services and Investment Agreements.

(c) & (d) While this issue was not discussed, one of the Leaders in his statement at the Plenary referred to the South China Sea and the settlement of disputes there by peaceful means on the basis of international law.