

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SAARC SUMMIT  
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the 18th SAARC Summit was held in Nepal recently;
- (b) if so, whether India also participated in the Summit;
- (c) if so, the main issues discussed in the meeting;
- (d) whether agreement for energy cooperation among SAARC countries is pending since 2010;
- (e) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between the member countries regarding energy and transport sector in the Summit; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the responsibilities assigned to each member country for ensuring better cooperation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The theme of 18th SAARC Summit was 'Deeper Integration for Peace and Prosperity'. Issues of cooperation among SAARC member states in areas such as trade, energy, environment security, agriculture, education, health etc were discussed.

(d) to (f) The SAARC Framework Agreement on Energy Cooperation (Electricity) was signed at the 18th SAARC Summit.

SAARC Motor Vehicles Agreement and SAARC Regional Railways Agreement were not signed at the Summit. It was agreed that Transport Ministers would meet within three months in order to finalise the Agreements for approval.