

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether India will host the eighth annual summit of BRICS in Goa; and
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes. India has taken over the BRICS Chairmanship from 15 February until 31 December 2016. The 8th BRICS Summit will be hosted on 15-16 October 2016 in Goa.

(b) During its Chairmanship, India will host about 70 BRICS meetings at various levels – Ministerial, working group, Senior Official and Technical – and several events/activities.

The theme of India's BRICS Chairmanship in 2016 is Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions.

The focus during India's BRICS Chairmanship will be on enhanced people-to-people (P2P) contacts of BRICS member states, especially youth. In this context, India has planned activities like Under-17 Football Tournament, Youth Summit, Young Diplomats' Forum, Young Scientists' Conclave, Film Festival, Urbanisation Forum, Smart Cities Workshop, Friendship Cities Conclave, Local Bodies Conference, Convention on Travel, Digital Conclave, Wellness Conclave, etc.