

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether China has invited India to attend a summit of the Asia- Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Trade Group and also to take part in Chinese led regional initiatives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether India is a member of the APEC and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the bilateral/other efforts made by the Government to claim membership in this trade group?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) During the meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the sidelines of 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil on 14 July 2014, President Xi invited Prime Minister Modi to attend the APEC meeting, to be held in November 2014 in China. This is the first time India has been invited to an APEC meeting.

(c) & (d) India has made an application for the membership of APEC in 1991. However, since then there is a continuous moratorium on expansion of APEC membership.