

**PRIORITY- II**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.202  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

**INFORMAL SUMMIT WITH CHINA**

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

- (a) the reasons for holding the informal summit with President of China at Wuhan and the topics covered in the discussion along with the results of the talks;**
- (b) whether the next informal summit will take place in India; and**
- (c) if so, the details including the time frame thereof?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)**

**(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE  
LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 202 REGARDING “INFORMAL  
SUMMIT WITH CHINA” FOR ANSWER ON 01.08.2018**

(a) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President of People’s Republic of China Mr. Xi Jinping held their first Informal Summit in Wuhan on April 27-28, 2018. As an innovative format for leadership-level diplomatic engagement, the Informal Summit enabled the two leaders to hold direct, free and candid exchange of views on issues of over-arching, long-term and strategic significance, without the constraints of protocol and pre-set agenda. It was not meant to discuss specific topics, but to strengthen mutual trust and understanding between the two leaders in order to forge a common understanding on the future direction of India-China relations and to create the appropriate conditions for the two sides to deal with their differences constructively.

(b) & (c) President Xi Jinping has accepted Prime Minister’s invitation for visiting India for the second Informal Summit at a mutually convenient time in 2019.

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