### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.970 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2017

#### **RAISINA DIALOGUE-2017**

#### 970. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has explored prospects and opportunities in gathering opinion/views of participating countries in the recently concluded Raisina Dialogue-2017 regarding various issues including India's entry into Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and China vetoing India's efforts on imposing ban on JeM Chief;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

## ANSWER R FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) The Raisina Dialogue, organized by Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with Observer Research Foundation, is India's flagship geo-political conference. It is an open forum for discussion on emerging regional and global issues between decision makers, policy practitioners, business and industry representatives, academia and media from around the world. The second edition of the Raisina Dialogue had as its overall theme "The New Norm: Multilateralism with Multipolarity", around which a number of panel discussions were organized. While broad deliberations were held on nuclear issues and terrorism, the issues mentioned in the question were not discussed specifically. These matters are pursued suitably by the Ministry through appropriate bilateral and multilateral platforms.

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