

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018**

G-20 SUMMIT MEETING

*162. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister had recently attended the G-20 summit meeting;
- (b) if so, when the G-20 declaration was made and what were the themes on which it was focused;
- (c) whether the leaders have called for improving the world trading system and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India has offered to host G-20 summit in 2022; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.162 REGARDING “G-20 SUMMIT MEETING” FOR ANSWER ON 27.12.2018

(a) Yes.

(b) G-20 Leaders’ declaration was adopted by the G20 Leaders on conclusion of Summit on 1st December, 2018.

The Summit was held under the overarching theme of ‘Building consensus for fair and sustainable development’. The Focus of Argentina’s G-20 Presidency was on Future of Work; Infrastructure for development; A sustainable food future; and Gender mainstreaming strategy across G-20 agenda.

G-20 Leaders’ declaration includes commitment to use all policy tools to achieve strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth and use of Monetary policy to ensure price stability. Leaders recognised importance of disaster resilient infrastructure.

The Leaders committed to improve a rules-based international order. There was call for portable social protection systems. The Declaration stresses on skills development, quality education especially of girls, and bridging the digital divide.

The declaration calls for Food Security, and sustainable agriculture. The need for stronger Health Systems, ending HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and use of traditional medicines has been stressed.

The declaration calls for increased cooperation in tackling economic crime and return of offenders and asset recovery.

The Leaders condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and called for full implementation of The Hamburg G-20 Leaders Statement on Countering Terrorism.

(c) G20 Leaders, in their Declaration, have stated that International trade and investment are important engines of growth, productivity, innovation, job creation and development. The Leaders have recognized the contribution that the multilateral trading system has made to that end. The Leaders, while recognizing that the system is currently falling short of its objectives and that there is room for improvement, have extended support for the necessary reform of the WTO to improve its functioning.

(d) & (e) India proposed hosting G-20 Summit in 2022 in India. This was welcomed by other G-20 countries.
