

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1605
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT

1605. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SMT. AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister had a bilateral discussion with French President on the sidelines of G-20 Summit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether common front against terrorist financing and cooperation in maritime security, etc., were discussed; and
- (d) if so, the details of the response of the French Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had a brief bilateral meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron, on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Buenos Aires.
- (c) & (d) India and France are strategic partners and have a strong, multifaceted relationship. The two leaders during their interaction at the G20 sidelines discussed a wide range of issues including maritime security and enhancing cooperation in combating terror financing. Both leaders reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism and affirmed that terrorism cannot be justified on any grounds and it should not be associated with any religion, creed, nationality and ethnicity.
