

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6217
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017**

BRICS UNIVERSITY

6217. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain technical issues are delaying launch of BRICS University;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether this issue was also taken up during the BRICS meet in Goa recently; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The BRICS Network University is not a separate university as such, but a network of a few universities/ educational institutions among the BRICS Nations, confined to six thematic areas. A Memorandum of Understanding in this regard was signed during the 3rd BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting, on November 18, 2015 in Moscow. Two meetings of the International Governing Board (IGB) of the BRICS Network University have taken place and discussions were held to finalise the issues related to governance of the BRICS Network University. The regulations of the IGB of the BRICS Network University and Statute for the BRICS Network University International Thematic Group have not yet been signed as all members of IGB were not present in the meeting of IGB held on 27th September, 2016 in Mumbai.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.
