

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.627  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2017**

**BIMSTEC SECURITY CHIEFS' MEET**

**627. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

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

- (a) whether India hosted the meeting of the National Security Chiefs of BIMSTEC Member States recently;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of issues discussed during the meeting of the BIMSTEC Member States;**
- (d) whether the meeting of the BIMSTEC Members States has entered into any agreement to counter common security threats such as terrorism and extremism; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)**

**(a) & (b) Yes. The first meeting of National Security Chiefs of BIMSTEC Member States was hosted by India in New Delhi on 21 March 2017.**

**(c) The meeting discussed ways of addressing traditional and non-traditional security challenges and working out collective strategies to deal with spread of terrorism, violent extremist and radicalization. The meeting also discussed cooperation in cyber security; maritime security, including humanitarian assistance and disaster relief; use of emerging space technologies for addressing security challenges; a proposal for setting up of a BIMSTEC Himalayan Science Council to study the health of the ecological systems and their impact on human security; and capacity building.**

**(d) & (e) The meeting agreed, *inter-alia*, to deepen cooperation among respective cyber institutions through a Joint Forum on cyber security; and to establish a track 1.5 BIMSTEC Security Dialogue Forum.**

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