

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.175  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018

**INDO-ASEAN SUMMIT**

\*175. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Delhi Declaration of the Indo-ASEAN Summit talked of new set ups for maritime co-operation and terror fight and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all the countries which participated in the Summit have agreed on maritime cooperation and terror fight;
- (c) if so, the major take-aways from Indo-ASEAN Summit held in January 2018 in New Delhi;
- (d) the manner in which such cooperation is likely to be taken forward with ASEAN in future; and
- (e) whether any action plan or blueprint has been prepared in this regard, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 175 REGARDING “INDO-ASEAN SUMMIT” FOR ANSWER ON 07.03.2018**

(a) to (c) The Delhi Declaration, agreed to deepen ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership, across the entire spectrum of political-security, economic, socio-cultural

and development cooperation. Inter alia, it also agreed to strengthen and deepen maritime cooperation and cooperation in combating terrorism. A copy of the Delhi Declaration, adopted at the end of the Summit in New Delhi on January 25, 2018, is attached.

Beyond the commitments made in the Delhi Declaration, India also offered to undertake (i) Pilot Project on rural connectivity which would create digital villages in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam. (ii) Training programmes on Telecom and Networking Technologies (iii) 1000 fellowships for ASEAN scholars to pursue integrated PhD programmes in IITs, and (iv) greater inter-university exchanges.

(d) & (e) ASEAN India cooperation would be taken forward by further strengthening all relevant, high level institutional mechanisms, and working towards effective operationalisation of the “Plan of Action to implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2016-2020)”.

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