

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2439
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018

G-20 CONFERENCE

†2439. SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether G-20 Conference had recently been held in Argentina;
- (b) if so, the details of the delegates who attended the conference as representatives of India;
- (c) whether Indian delegation also presented their view point in the conference; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of other countries thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) The 13th G-20 Summit was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 30 November - 01 December, 2018.

(b) Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the Indian delegation at the Summit. The delegation included senior officials from Government of India including PMO, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Finance.

(c) & (d) 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. Indian delegation participated actively at the Summit. Prime Minister made interventions in all three Sessions of the Summit and also at the G-20 Leaders' Retreat.

G-20 Leaders' declaration, issued at the Summit, 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 reform of the WTO to improve its functioning. It 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.

PM at the G-20 Summit proposed hosting G-20 Summit in 2022 in India. This was welcomed by other G-20 Leaders.
