

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
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TALKS AT SCO

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister had talks with Russian and Chinese President during Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) high level meeting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the discussions reviewed all aspects of bilateral relations to further strengthen the strategic relations with these countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether America expressed any concerns on our relations with neighboring countries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (d) On the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, Prime Minister held meetings with President Xi Jinping of China and President Vladimir Putin of Russia. During these meetings there were in-depth exchange of views with the leaders of these countries on bilateral relations, international and regional issues of mutual interest.

During his meeting with President Xi Jinping, the two leaders reviewed the progress made in India-China bilateral relations since the Wuhan Informal Summit of April, 2018. The two leaders noted that next year is an important year in the bilateral relationship as it marks the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations, and agreed to commemorate this important event in a befitting manner.

During his meeting with President Putin, both leaders recognized the special significance of the India-Russia partnership and agreed to further strengthen this relationship. President Putin reiterated his invitation to the Prime Minister to participate as the Chief Guest in the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, this year.

(e) United States of America is not a member of SCO and hence not connected with any deliberations at SCO forum.

(f) Not applicable.
