

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022**

682. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has supported the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) proposal for Joint State Border Operation in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof and the achievements made therein so far; and
- (c) the details of countries constituting SCO ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. MEENAKSHI LEKHI)

- (a) Joint Border Exercise is a routine annual activity of the Regional Anti Terrorist Structure (RATS) SCO.
- (b) The aims and objectives of the exercise are to share experience of border management which India have shared with respect to our experiences.
- (c) Presently SCO has eight (08) Member States - India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The three (03) Observer States are Belarus, Iran and Mangolia. The fourteen (14) Dialogue Partners are Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Maldives, Bahrain, Myanmar, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.
