

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3942**  
ANSWERED ON- 24/03/2023

**SHANGHAI COOPERATION CONFERENCE**

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SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL

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

- a) whether India has assumed the presidentship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and is going to preside the Shanghai Cooperation Conference which is scheduled to be held in Goa in May 2023;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether India has sent invitations to all member countries including Pakistan and China;
- d) if so, the details thereof and the response received from these countries thereon;
- e) the details of the agenda to be discussed during this conference; and
- f) the benefits likely to accrue to the country therefrom?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI)

(a to f) India assumed the Chairmanship of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on 17 September 2022 and will host the Meeting of SCO Council of Foreign Ministers in Goa in May 2023. Most Foreign Ministers of Member States of SCO have confirmed their participation. Confirmation from Foreign Ministers of China and Pakistan is awaited. India will also host the SCO Heads of State Summit in July 2023 and will fulfill the role of an active and constructive member of the Organization.

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