GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-414 ANSWERED ON- 21/07/2023

MEETINGS ORGANISED UNDER G20

414. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that through G 20 summit, India is promoting every section of the society such as women, youth and so on during this presidency period, if so, details thereof and if not, reason therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is also actively involving different State Governments and taking their views in the various meetings organised under G20 Umbrella, if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the countries invited as special invitees in the September for G20 Summit?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) India presently holds the Presidency of the G20, the premier global forum for international economic cooperation, from 01 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. The G20 Leaders' Summit is scheduled to be held in New Delhi, on 9-10 September 2023.

India's G20 Presidency priorities have a vision, are inclusive and pragmatic, with broad areas of substantive deliberations comprising inclusive and resilient growth, progress on SDGs, green development and LiFE, technological transformation, public digital infrastructure, reform of multilateral institutions, women-led development, and international peace and harmony. Our G20 Presidency is also an occasion to demonstrate India's achievements, capabilities and diversity.

In the framework of its G20 Presidency, India is hosting around 200 meetings across the country in all States and Union Territories, in close coordination with respective State and UT governments and administrations.

During our Presidency, official G20 meetings are taking place in 13 Working Groups under the Sherpa track and 8 workstreams under the Finance track. In addition, Engagement Groups and Initiatives enable interactions among non-government participants including the private sector, civil society, academia, scientists, women and youth, as well as independent institutions, i.e. Parliaments, audit authorities and urban bodies. Matters related to women and youth, such as financial inclusion, education and employment, are discussed in concerned official Working Group/Workstreams as well as in respective Engagement Groups and Initiatives, and form part of our Presidency priorities.

(c) In addition to International Organizations (UN, IMF, World Bank, WHO, WTO, ILO, FSB and OECD) and Chairs of Regional Organizations (AU, AUDA-NEPAD and ASEAN), India, as G20 Presidency, has invited Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest countries, as well as ISA (International Solar Alliance), CDRI (Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure) and ADB (Asian Development Bank) as Guest Ios.
