

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1064**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2023

**DATA ON QUADRILATERAL SECURITY DIALOGUE**

1064. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL

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

- (a) whether the government has the data on Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QSD) held during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of benefits reaped so far along with the benefits expected therefrom in future; and
- (d) whether any amount is spent by for the membership and participation, and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a to c) Quad is a plurilateral framework comprising India, Australia, Japan, and the USA. It brings together these four countries with a shared commitment to upholding a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

Quad engagement has gained momentum in the last few years, with regular meetings of Quad Leaders and Foreign Ministers. Quad was elevated to the Leadership level in March 2021. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has participated in Leaders' Summits held on 12 March 2021 (virtual), 24 September 2021 in Washington D.C., USA, 3 March 2022 (virtual), 24 May 2022 in Tokyo, Japan, and 20 May 2023 in Hiroshima, Japan. Quad Foreign Ministers have met six times since 2019; its last meeting was in New York, USA on 22 September 2023.

Quad has adopted a positive agenda that seeks to address priorities of and seeks to promote cooperation with the Indo-Pacific countries in the fields of climate, critical and emerging technologies, cyber domain, infrastructure and connectivity, health, space, maritime security, counter-terrorism, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Quad's practical and constructive agenda is aimed at complementing the region's development priorities, accelerating the implementation of SDGs, and delivering public goods in the Indo-Pacific region.

(d) There is no membership fee. Quad countries spend their own funds to attend meetings and organize activities.

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