

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1675**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2023**

**COOPERATION WITH ASEAN**

1675. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has worked out a 12-point proposal to expand cooperation between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in areas such as connectivity, trade and digital transformation and also called for building a rules-based post-COVID world order, at the annual ASEAN-India Summit and if so, the details thereof/ progress made till now; and
- (b) whether the Government has also announced the establishment of a multimodal connectivity and economic corridor linking Southeast Asia, India, West Asia and Europe and offered to share New Delhi's digital public infrastructure stack with ASEAN partners and the proposal included the Government's call for a collective fight against terrorism, terror financing, and cyber-disinformation and for raising issues being faced by the Global South in multilateral fora and if so, the details thereof and progress made till now?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a) & (b)** Yes. The 20th ASEAN-India Summit was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 7 September 2023. The following 12-point proposal for strengthening India- ASEAN co-operation covering connectivity, digital transformation, trade and economic engagement, addressing contemporary challenges, people-to-people contacts and deepening strategic engagement have been presented:

- i. Establishing multi-modal connectivity and economic corridor that links South East Asia-India-West Asia-Europe.
- ii. Offered to share India's Digital Public Infrastructure Stack with ASEAN partners.
- iii. Announced ASEAN-India fund for Digital Future focusing on cooperation in digital transformation and financial connectivity.
- iv. Announced renewal of support to Economic and Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to act as knowledge partner for enhancing our engagement.
- v. Called for collectively raising issues being faced by Global South in multilateral fora.

- vi. Invited ASEAN countries to join Global Centre for Traditional Medicine being established by WHO in India.
- vii. Called for working together on Mission LiFE
- viii. Offered to share India's experience in providing affordable and quality medicines to people through Jan-Aushadhi Kendras.
- ix. Called for collective fight against terrorism, terror financing and cyber-disinformation.
  - x. Invited ASEAN countries to join Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.
  - xi. Called for cooperation in disaster management.
  - xii. Called for enhanced cooperation on maritime safety, security and domain awareness.

The 12-point proposal is monitored on a regular basis. Concerned Nodal Agencies involved are Ministry of External Affairs, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry Environment Forest & Climate Change, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence.

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