

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3464
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

CHAIRMANSHIP OF BRICS

3464. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has supported for India's Chairmanship in the five member BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) for the year 2021 and promised to work with India to strengthen the bloc;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India will host the BRICS summit and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the agenda for the ensuing BRICS summit;
- (e) whether India-China border dispute will impact BRICS; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) to (f) India assumed the rotational Chair of BRICS on 1 January 2021, for the calendar year 2021, as per convention. Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson, during a regular Press Conference held on 22 February 2021, expressed support for India's Chairship of BRICS in 2021, and said China attached high importance to BRICS cooperation mechanisms and was ready to work with India and other members within BRICS.

India, as the Chair, will host the Annual BRICS Summit during the course of 2021. The schedule and format will be finalized in consultation with other members.

India presented her priorities for BRICS agenda, activities and Plan of Action for the year at the first BRICS Sherpas meeting in February 2021, which was supported widely by all BRICS countries. India has chosen the theme 'BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS cooperation for continuity, consolidation and consensus' for her Chairship. Traditionally, BRICS discusses issues of common interest to all five countries.
