

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2609  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

**SCO MEETING ON AFGHANISTAN**

**†2609. SHRI LALLU SINGH:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the meeting of foreign Ministers of SCO countries on the matter of Afghanistan in Dushanbe;
- (b) whether India has suggested any plan to bring peace in Afghanistan in the said meeting;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of efforts being made by India at international level to establish peace in Afghanistan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (d) External Affairs Minister (EAM) visited Dushanbe, Tajikistan on July 13-14, 2021 to participate in the meeting of the SCO Council of Foreign Ministers. EAM also participated in the meeting of the SCO Contact Group on Afghanistan on July 14, 2021. The Foreign Ministers of Afghanistan, China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan also took part in the meeting. Kyrgyzstan was represented by their Deputy Foreign Minister.

At this meeting, EAM reiterated our support for a stable, sovereign, peaceful and democratic Afghanistan. India's priorities were outlined as cessation of all violence and terrorist attacks. The importance of settlement of the conflict through political dialogue and respect for interests of all ethnic groups, women and children was also emphasized.

Government is in contact with various stakeholders within and outside Afghanistan, including regional and international partners on the situation in Afghanistan.

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