

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 663  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022**

**RIC GROUP**

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**Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Russia, India and China (RIC) group has been formed;**
- (b) if so, the details and the activities thereof;**
- (c) whether RIC would help all three countries in better coordination specially between India and China and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the present stance of China on RIC with regard to resolution of border disputes and economic/business relations?**

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) An informal meeting of RIC (Russia, India and China) Foreign Ministers was first held in New York in September 2002 on the sidelines of the 57th session of the UN General Assembly. The RIC Foreign Ministers have since met 18 times. The last meeting was held in VC format in November 2021. (*List of meetings placed at Annexure A*)

The first Informal Summit of RIC Leaders was held on the sidelines of the G-8 Summit St. Petersburg (Russia) in July 2006. RIC leaders have so far met 3 times, with the last meeting on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Osaka (Japan) in June 2019. (*List of meetings placed at Annexure B*).

Discussions in RIC meetings pertain to common opportunities and challenges like terrorism, climate change, Covid-19 pandemic, etc. It also provides a useful platform for exchange of views on regional, multilateral and global issues of interest.

(c) & (d) Bilateral issues are not discussed at RIC meetings.

**Annexure-A****Russia-India-China Foreign Ministers' Meetings (FMM)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	September 2002	New York	1 <sup>st</sup> RIC FMM on the sidelines of UNGA
2	September 2003	New York	2 <sup>nd</sup> RIC FMM on the sidelines of UNGA
3	October 2004	Almaty	3 <sup>rd</sup> RIC FMM on the sidelines of CICA
4	2 June 2005	Vladivostok	4 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
5	September 2005	New York	5 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM on the sidelines of UNGA
6	14 February 2007	New Delhi	6 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
7	25 October 2007	Hebrin (China)	7 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
8	14-15 May 2008	Yekaterinburg	8 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
9	27 October 2009	Bengaluru	9 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
10	15 November 2010	Wuhan (China)	10 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
11	13 April 2012	Moscow	11 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
12	10 November 2013	New Delhi	12 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
13	2 February 2015	Beijing	13 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
14	18 April 2016	Moscow	14 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
15	11 December 2017	New Delhi	15 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
16	27 February 2019	Wuzhen	16 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
17	10 September 2020	Moscow	17 <sup>th</sup> RIC FMM
18	26 November 2021	VC	18th RIC FMM

**Annexure-B****RIC Informal Summits**

<b>SI No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	July 2006	St. Petersburg	1 <sup>st</sup> Informal Summit (President <i>Putin</i> , PM <i>Dr Manmohan Singh</i> and President <i>Hu Jintao</i> )
2.	November 2018	Buenos Aires	2 <sup>nd</sup> Informal Summit (President <i>Putin</i> , PM <i>Narendra Modi</i> and President <i>Xi Jinping</i> )
3.	June 2019	Osaka	3 <sup>rd</sup> Informal Summit (President <i>Putin</i> , PM <i>Narendra Modi</i> and President <i>Xi Jinping</i> )

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