

(a) whether the Prime Minister had a brief talk with the Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on the sidelines of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit at Hanoi recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR):

(a) and (b) Prime Minister met with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on 29 October, 2010 in Hanoi on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit. The two leaders had a frank and constructive exchange of views on all issues of mutual interest and concern. The two leaders agreed that there is enough space in the world to accommodate the development aspirations of both India and China. They agreed that the two countries have great potential for bilateral cooperation, especially as their economies expand. Prime Minister also conveyed to the Chinese side that both India and China should show sensitivity to each other's core concerns. They reaffirmed the need to maintain peace and tranquility on the border pending a resolution of the boundary question.

Possibility of dialogue with China

†1746. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of holding dialogue of Indian high officials with Chinese counterparts in coming months;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government of India has prepared any agenda on behalf of the country for these dialogues; and

(d) if so, whether it includes issues like presence of China in Pakistan occupied region, installation of atomic project by China in Pakistan and Visa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR):

(a) to (d) The 4th India-China Strategic Dialogue between Foreign Secretary and the Chinese Vice Foreign Minister was held on 16 November, 2010 in Beijing. The two sides held discussions on all issues of mutual interest and concern, including issues related to Jammu and Kashmir and China-Pakistan nuclear cooperation.

Russian policy towards India

1747. SHRI SABIR ALI:

SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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