

**Termination of Sindhu River Water Sharing Agreement**

3213. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:

SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to cancel the Sindhu River Water Sharing Agreement with Pakistan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has viewed the step seriously and warned India of heavy repercussions on cancellation of the agreement, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the stand of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH): (a) to (c) The Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960 provides currently the basis for sharing of waters of the Indus river system between India and Pakistan and for the complete and satisfactory utilization of its waters. India has always strictly adhered to the letter and the spirit of the Treaty and expects Pakistan to abide by the Treaty and not impede realization of the full potential of the development of Indus and its rivers. The Government reviews, from time to time, implementation of IWT. In such a review recently, it was decided that full utilization of India's rights under the Treaty should be accorded priority.

In the recent past, Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made several statements on the alleged violations of the Treaty by India and stated that the Treaty cannot be altered or revoked unilaterally.

Government continues to monitor the developments in this regard and expects Pakistan to refrain from impeding in any way fullest exercising of India's rights permissible under the treaty.

**Goa Declaration of the BRICS summit**

3214. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Goa Declaration of the BRICS summit underlined the need for countering the Islamic State and for a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) in the United Nations General Assembly;
- (b) if so, the details of the Goa Declaration; and