

Bilateral meetings in Bishkek

1455. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has pledged to work in cooperation on the global security situation, multilateral economic cooperation, people to people exchanges and also on topical issues of international and regional importance;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether the Prime Minister's programme in Bishkek included a number of bilateral meetings; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Prime Minister, in his intervention at the SCO Summit, emphasized that respect for sovereignty, regional integrity, good governance, transparency, practicality and reliability should be the basis of connectivity initiatives. He explained India's vision through the acronym HEALTH, which stands for Healthcare Cooperation, Economic Cooperation, Alternate Energy, Literature and Culture, Terrorism free society and Humanitarian Cooperation. Prime Minister underlined India's readiness to share its experience in the field of tele-medicine, medical tourism, alternate sources of energy and disaster management.

(c) and (d) On the sidelines of the SCO Summit, Prime Minister held meetings with President Xi Jinping of China, President Vladimir Putin of Russia and President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan. After the SCO Summit, Prime Minister and President Sooronbay Jeenbekov of the Kyrgyz Republic had a bilateral Summit meeting. During this meeting there was in-depth exchange of views between India and Kyrgyzstan on bilateral relations, international and regional issues of mutual interest.

MoUs on loans to foreign countries

1456. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds provided as relief/development loans to foreign countries during the last three years by Government;
- (b) whether a number of MoUs signed by the Prime Minister are yet to take shape and are delayed; and