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Role of BRICS in international context

1965. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is not in active role for the acceleration of the role of Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa (BRICS) in international prospective;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not taking an active role in BRICS at present; and
- (c) the present outlook and international context of BRICS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN): (a) to (c) India along with Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa actively engages on issues of global importance through BRICS. BRICS is an important Grouping bringing together the major emerging economies from the world, comprising 42% of the world population, having 23% of the world GDP and over 16% share in the world trade. BRICS countries have been the main engines of global economic growth over the years. At the same time, BRICS has emerged as a major factor in a peaceful, prosperous and multi-polar world.

During Summit, BRICS Leaders discuss various issues of global importance including global financial and security situation, countering terrorism, climate change, sustainable development, reform of the multilateral system, reform of WTO and institutions of international governance, ways to promote Intra-BRICS cooperation including in science & technology, trade, health, information and communication technology, people-to-people exchanges. In all BRICS Leaders Summits, Indian delegations have been led by Prime Minister.

BRICS cooperation is broadly covered under Economic, political & security, and people-to-people exchanges. From inception, finance and trade is a major area of Intra-BRICS Cooperation. The New Development Bank (NDB) and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) are the major outcomes in this area. NDB has funded/decided to fund 44 projects worth more than USD 12 billion, within BRICS countries including 8 projects worth USD 3246 million in India. Further, Contingent Reserve Arrangement to provide protection against global liquidity pressures has been set up in BRICS.

BRICS Leaders have been supporting India's stand on countering terrorism and that terrorism is not acceptable in any form and manifestation. BRICS Leaders also listed the terrorist entities like LeT, JeM, TTP etc. as perpetrators of violence. Counter Terrorism Working Group in BRICS has set up subgroups to cover various aspects of countering terrorism.

Tribal university in Khammam, Telangana

1966. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of setting up for tribal university in Khammam, Telangana; and
- (b) the research made for this purpose so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014 mandates establishment of one Central Tribal University in the State of Telangana and it is proposed to be established in Mulugu, Bhupalpally District, Telangana.

As per the Twelfth Plan (2012-17), as approved by the National Development Council, the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion is to be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Besides, the Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions. The 'education' being a concurrent subject, the State Government also takes initiative in establishing new universities.

Reservation of SCs/STs and OBCs across Central Universities

†1967. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes are vacant in the Central Universities in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.