

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-864**  
ANSWERED ON- 09/02/2023

**GLOBAL SOUTH SUMMIT**

864. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the details of the outcome of the recently held Voice of Global South Summit;
- (b) whether fundamental reforms in major international organisations, including UN Security Council and Bretton Woods institutions, were stressed and if so, the response of the Summit thereto; and
- (c) whether medical diplomacy, Aarogya Maitri project was announced and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH)

(a) India hosted a two-day Voice of Global South Summit on 12-13 January 2023. The Summit was held in virtual format, with 10 sessions in total. It saw participation of Leaders and Ministers from 125 countries of the Global South. India convened this Summit to focus international attention on priorities, perspectives and concerns of the developing world.

The participating countries appreciated and congratulated India for hosting the Summit at a crucial juncture. They expressed hope that the Summit would serve as a catalyst for building a prosperous and inclusive future for the world that takes into account the needs of the Global South.

(b) During the Sessions, participating countries called for renewed and inclusive multilateralism that reflects contemporary realities, including reform of major international organizations.

(c) During the Concluding Leaders' session, Prime Minister announced the Aarogya Maitri project. Under this project, India will provide essential medical supplies to developing countries affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises.

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