

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a two-day conference on international dialogue among civilisation was recently organised by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features and outcome of the conference; and
- (c) the number of countries that participated in the conference?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government of India organised in Cooperation with UNESCO, an International Ministerial Conference on Dialogue Among Civilisation ` Quest for New Perspectives`, on July 9th and 10th, 2003 at New Delhi, India.

(b) & (c) Representatives of 85 countries participated in the Conference. Following the inaugural plenary session, Ministers, Deputy/Vice Ministers, Ambassadors and UNESCO representatives addressed the plenary sessions on 9 July, 2003. On 10 July, 2003, three thematic discussions were held in parallel sessions.

Thereafter, following a plenary session in which the reports of the thematic groups were received, the Conference unanimously adopted the `New Delhi Declaration` in the concluding plenary session.