

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SUMMIT OF G-8 COUNTRIES
NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY;PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India was invited to participate in G-8 countries Summit held recently;
- (b) Whether our Prime Minister attended the said Summit;
- (c) If so, the details of the discussions held with the member countries and the outcome thereof;
- (d) Whether a plan for an International coalition against terrorism came up during the talks; and
- (e) If so, the concrete steps contemplated in this direction along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in pursuance of the plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

a), b) & c) Prime Minister participated in the G8 Enlarged Dialogue in Evian on 1st June 2003 at the invitation of President Chirac, prior to the G-8 Summit which took place on 3rd June 2003. The discussions focused on development assistance to developing countries, transfer of technologies, environment related issues and trade barriers that affect developing countries. The dialogue was useful and could facilitate the creation of forum of communication at the highest level between the developed and developing world.

d) & e) No, the subject of international coalition against terrorism was not on the agenda of the G-8 Enlarged Dialogue.