

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TRILATERAL CO-OPERATION ON KEY ISSUES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India, China and Russia have been holding informal talks for co-operation on international key issues like U.N. Charter, International Law and Establishment of a just world order etc.;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the outcome of the said talks?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) An informal luncheon meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China took place on September 14, 2002 in New York. The three Foreign Ministers exchanged views on the topical issues on the agenda of the 57th session of the United Nations General Assembly. It was agreed that they would continue to meet in the same format. It was also decided that the respective Permanent Missions to the UN in New York would coordinate and cooperate more closely. Pursuant to this decision, Permanent Missions of the three countries have remained in touch and have held meetings to cooperate and coordinate on issues of mutual interest in the UN.