

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EAST ASIA SUMMIT
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an East Asia Summit was held at Kuala Lumpur during December 2005;
- (b) if so, the main points discussed therein and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether differences were noticed in regard to the position taken by India and China during the said Summit; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the same was resolved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E AHAMED)

- (a) Yes. The East Asia Summit was held in Kuala Lumpur on December 14, 2006.
- (b) The Leaders exchanged views on the challenges and opportunities facing the region and the long-term objective of community building as an integral part of the evolving regional architecture. The Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the East Asia Summit was signed on this occasion. The Leaders also adopted a Declaration on Avian Influenza Prevention, Control and Response.
- (c) & (d) The discussions at the East Asia Summit were of an informal nature in a Retreat format, wherein the participants shared their respective perspectives on the issues under consideration. The consensus that emerged is reflected in the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the East Asia Summit.