

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2531
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
VISIT BY GREEK PRIME MINISTER
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit the Prime Minister of Greece urged for adoption of 'Earthquake diplomacy' to ease tensions and resolve disputes with Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the Government's response thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) In response to a question by a Greek journalist during a Press Conference given by the Greek Prime Minister at the Greek Embassy in New Delhi (6th February, 2001), on whether something similar to the 'earthquake diplomacy' which took place between Greece and Turkey was taking place between India and Pakistan, the Greek Prime Minister responded that it was only natural that a country which sustains the tragic consequences of an earthquake provokes the sympathy of a neighbouring country.