

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF TASK FORCE ON GLOBAL STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the government proposes to constitute a Task Force for the purpose of Global Strategic Development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the salient features and objectives behind the proposed constitution of the said Task Force; and
- (d) the details of the selection procedure and mode of functioning of the above Task force and the time by which this task force is likely to be constituted?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) The Government has already setup 'Task Force on Global Strategic Developments.'

(b) The Task Force was setup on 28 October 2005 with 7 members, and 2 more members were inducted on 18 November 2005. The composition of this task force is as follows:

1. Shri K. Subrahmanyam    Chairman
2. Prof. Amitabh Mattoo    Member
3. Shri Arvind Virmani    Member
4. Prof. M. S. Ananth    Member
5. Prof. P. Rama Rao    Member
6. Shri R. K. Pachauri    Member
- 7 Shri Tarun Das    Member
8. Air Marshal (Retd.) Vinod Patney Member
9. Cmde Uday Bhaskar    Member - Secretary

(c) The task force comprises experts from diverse fields and has been constituted to examine various facets of the evolving global strategic developments and their implications for India.

(d) The constitution of the task force has been approved by Prime Minister. The tenure of the members is for a period of 6 months from the date of their first meeting or for such extended period as the government may determine. The task force is serviced by the National Security Council Secretariat.