

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:126

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INDIAN ASSISTANCE TO IRAQ TO CONDUCT ELECTIONS

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

(a) whether the United Nations has requested the Union Government for assistance of the Election Commission officials in conducting the elections in Iraq scheduled for next year; and

(b) if so, the details and the Government's decision thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) The United Nations has sought the services of an official of the Election Commission, on deputation for work in Iraq in connection with the elections scheduled in January next year. Decision on the request of assistance has been deferred in view of the prevailing security situation in Iraq.