GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1543 ANSWERED ON:22.08.2007 CONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted of task force to review India's positions on non-proliferation, disarmament, arms control, missile defence and deterrence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of reference of the task force;
- (c) whether the task force has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details of its recommendations; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) A task force has been constituted by Ministry of External Affairs to review India's existing positions on disarmament and non-proliferation issues and to make recommendations in the light of India's status as a nuclear weapon state, India's security interests, present international realities and possible developments.
- (c) The task force has not yet submitted its report.
- (d) & (e) Do not arise.