

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT SEAT IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government continues to make efforts to mobilize support for India's claim for a permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC);
- (b) if so, the details of the efforts made and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the 53 Member African Union has offered their support in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the added support of the African Union has improved the prospects for India on the issue?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b) Yes. Government continue to mobilise support for India becoming a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The Government remain actively engaged in the debates on Security Council reform at the UN, with the G-4 (Brazil, Germany, India, Japan) and individually with various countries in this regard.
- (c), (d) & (e) India enjoys widespread support on this issue among members of African Union, with whom India has traditionally warm relations and growing cooperation. India is grateful to its African friends for their valuable support.