

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT SEAT IN UNSC

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of India's bid for a permanent seat in UN Security Council;
- (b) the total number of countries alongwith their names who have extended their support on the issue;
- (c) the stand taken by France in this regard; and
- (d) the effort made/proposed to be made by the Government to mobilise support in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(d) There continues to be wide support for India's candidature for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. This support has been expressed in the UN and bilaterally. France has publicly expressed its firm support for India's candidature for permanent membership of Security Council. The Government continue to mobilise support for India becoming a permanent member of the UN Security Council. Besides actively participating in UN debates on Security Council reforms, Government continue to follow up this issue with various countries.