

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is powerful in today's world; and
- (b) if so, the steps the Government is taking to make it more strong and powerful?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) With a membership of 118 nations, the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is one of the largest groups of developing countries. It plays an important and active role in articulating an independent point of view of developing countries on international issues. NAM also articulates its position on issues within the United Nations.

(b) As a founder member of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), India is strongly committed to its principles and objectives. India contributes actively to its deliberations, including at the Summit level, with the aim of strengthening NAM's capabilities to deal with contemporary challenges faced by developing countries.