

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN POLICY FOR GULF
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the India's foreign policy gives special importance to the countries in Gulf region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to have cordial relations with all the countries in Gulf region?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (c): India's historically friendly and multifaceted relations with the countries in the Gulf region have been further expanded and strengthened in recent years. India and the countries in the Gulf region have significantly enhanced high level exchanges and institutional linkages. The Region has emerged as our frontline trading partner and collectively hosts the largest expatriate Indian community.