

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:561  
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EXPANSION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has demanded expansion in both permanent and non-permanent seats of the UN Security Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response received so far in this regard;
- (d) whether Britain and France has supported India's demand for the permanent membership of U.N. Security Council; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Yes. India has proposed expansion of the membership of the UN Security Council from fifteen to twenty-five by adding six permanent and four non-permanent members. A proposal in this regard was tabled by India along with Brazil, Germany, and Japan (together known as G-4) in the UN General Assembly in July 2005. The G-4 proposal has been supported by many UN member states in discussions and inter-governmental negotiations in the UN General Assembly and in other fora.

(d) & (e) Yes. The President of France and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, in a Joint Summit Declaration issued on 27 March 2008, declared the support of their two countries for the candidacies of India, Brazil, Japan and Germany for permanent membership, as well as for permanent representation for Africa on the Security Council. This support has been reiterated on several occasions in multilateral as well as bilateral meetings.