

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION TREATY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries which are yet to sign Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT);
- (b) the reaction of the Government over the achievements and the failures of the Nuclear NPT Review Conference 2010 in creation of tangible provisions for universal nuclear design to discourage non-compliance, defection and discrimination; and
- (c) the position of the Government over the NPT, and the post NPT Review Conference 2010?

Answer

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

- (a): Three countries, namely India, Israel and Pakistan have not signed the Nuclear Non- Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
- (b) & (c): India is not a party to the NPT and did not attend the NPT Review Conference held in New York from 3-28 May 2010. India has a longstanding and consistent position on the NPT that it is a discriminatory treaty. India's position remains unchanged. Even though India is not a party to the NPT, it remains committed to global, non-discriminatory and verifiable nuclear disarmament and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons in a specified framework of time.