

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has mooted any official proposal for the reorganisation of World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNSC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposal;
- (c) whether it is on the agenda of the Government to push for the reorganisation of the above bodies for increased participation of developing countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): India has proposed reform of the UN Security Council (UNSC) through an expansion of its membership 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 the G-4) in the UN General Assembly in July 2005. India has remained fully engaged, bilaterally as well as in collaboration with the G-4, with other Member States of the UN in pressing for expansion of the UNSC in both permanent and non-permanent categories. With regard to the WTO, India made a submission to the General Council containing proposals on systemic issues in the WTO with a view to improving its functioning and efficiency as a rule based system. Although time constraints prevented its inclusion in the agenda for the Seventh Session of the WTO Ministerial Conference, there was widespread support from WTO members for its inclusion in the outcome document of the Conference. No specific proposal has been made by India in respect of the World Bank and the IMF.

(c) & (d): India is committed to the reform of multilateral institutions, particularly those referred to in the question, through the increased participation of developing countries.