GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3924 ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010 CONTRIBUTION TO UNO Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution paid by India to United Nations Organisation (UNO) annually during 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) the year in which last review of the UN Committee of Contributions for scaling of share of various countries were conducted;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue of reduction of Indian contributions in view of the financial condition of the country as compared to developed countries in the current review; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Committee of Contributions thereto?

Answer

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

(a): The contributions paid by India to the UN Regular budget and the UN Peacekeeping budget during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as follows:

Figures in Indian Rupees (crores)

2008-09 2009-10 i. UN Regular Budget 53.74 52.79 ii. UN Peacekeeping Budget 30.02 36.55

- (b): The last review of the rates of contribution by the UN member states to the UN regular budget was conducted in February 2010 through Resolution A/RES/64/248. India's rate of assessment for the UN regular budget for 2009-2012 remained at 0.534 %.
- (c): Each member state's contribution to the UN budget is determined by standard criteria. It is mandatory for every UN member state to contribute its share to the budget. As such, there is no proposal to reduce India's contribution below the scale of assessment determined by the UN.
- (d): Does not arise.