GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the foreign policy of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India's foreign policy is closely integrated with the country's fundamental security and developmental priorities. We seek a global order in which India's interest are assured; the autonomy of India's decision-making is safeguarded; and which is conducive to achievement of the overriding goal of rapid, sustained and inclusive socio-economic development of the country.

Central to our policy objectives is ensuring a peaceful and secure neighbourhood, cordial and balanced relations with the major powers and mutually beneficial partnerships with developing countries. Indian foreign policy also has a strong multilateral aspect. Many of the key challenges of our times – issues such as peace and security including the fight against international terrorism, reform of the international financial architecture and international organizations, food and energy security and climate change – have global dimensions and require cooperative global action to be addressed effectively.

Government constantly monitors the prevailing and emerging situation in the world. Indian foreign policy has combined firm commitment to our core national values with dynamic adaptation to change in the international environment.