

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA S BID FOR PERMANENT UNSC SEAT

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Pakistan has strongly opposed the Indian bid for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council;
- (b) if so, the details of the Pakistan's objections to India's bid; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) India believes that the United Nations (UN) especially the Security Council must reflect contemporary global realities. For this purpose the reform of the UN including the expansion of the Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories is essential. India holds the view that it has all the credentials to be a permanent member of an expanded Security Council. Many countries have endorsed this view. India remains fully engaged including through the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan) to work for the reform of the UN including the expansion of the Security Council.

Pakistan is among a small minority of countries that would like an expansion in only the non-permanent category. It has also made known its opposition to India's bid for permanent membership. Pakistan's National Assembly adopted a resolution on November 12, 2010, which inter alia, states that US's endorsement of India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council is a threat to peace, security, regional balance and stability in South Asia. A similar resolution was also adopted by the Pakistani Cabinet. Government is cognizant of Pakistan's position and has strongly put across to the international community India's case for permanent membership of the UN Security Council based on its extensive contribution to the United Nations and its strong credentials in accordance with the UN Charter. This has resulted in strong support for our candidature for permanent membership.