

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP AT UNSC

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether opposition by countries like Pakistan, China and Germany after Obama's visit has dented India's claim as permanent Member of UNSC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether India has received necessary assurance and support for the said membership;
- (d) if so, the names of the such countries who have supported the cause;
- (e) the number of countries whose support is still needed for the permanent membership in the UNSC; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to elicit the requisite support in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (f) 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 UN Security Council (UNSC).

Many countries have endorsed India's candidature for permanent membership of the UNSC. Pakistan's National Assembly as well as Cabinet adopted resolutions opposing the statement made by the President of the USA during his visit to India in November 2010 endorsing India's candidature. Government is cognizant of Pakistan's position and has strongly put across to the international community India's case for permanent membership of the 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 India's candidature for permanent membership. India continues to be actively engaged bilaterally and within the framework of the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan) to pursue its candidature for permanent membership of an expanded UNSC.