

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that China was not in favour of a move by the G-4 Group of Nations to push for a concrete outcome on United Nations Security Council reforms;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is not unlikely that China opposes India`s bid when the reforms process comes to vote;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has made any contacts with China in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the response received by the Government from China in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There has been no specific comment from China on a move by the G-4 to push for a concrete outcome on United Nations Security Council reform. The spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People`s Republic of China, in reply to a question on the on-going intergovernmental negotiations on UN Security Council reforms on February 14, 2011 stated that there still exist serious differences among all parties over certain important issues of the UNSC reform and consensus has still not been reached. He further said that presetting results for the reform or forcing premature reform plans will not only undermine the unity of UN member nations, but also harm the reform process itself. Therefore, China advocates to seek a package solution for the UNSC reforms, he said.

(c) to (e) China supports India`s aspiration to play a greater role in the United Nations, including in the Security Council. A Joint Communiqué of the Republic of India and the People`s Republic of China, issued on December 16, 2010, during the state visit to India of China`s Premier, H.E. Mr Wen Jiabao stated, `China attaches great importance to India`s status in international affairs as a large developing country, understands and supports India`s aspiration to play a greater role in the United Nations, including in the Security Council.`