

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2145  
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RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES  
Reddy Shri Modugula Venugopala

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

- (a) whether India has a major role in maintaining peace in Afghanistan and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this direction during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) As a neighbour and strategic partner, India is committed to assisting the people and Government of Afghanistan as they build a peaceful, democratic, pluralistic, and prosperous country. India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan in an atmosphere free from terror and violence. Pakistan must fulfill its solemn commitment not allowing its territory under its control to be used for terrorism against India in any manner. Pakistan's credible and effective action against terrorism is in its own interest and in the interest of the region. Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary steps to meet our legitimate strategic and security requirements.