

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP OF UNSC  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh; Namdhari Shri Inder Singh

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

- (a) whether India has got strong support from US Government to its claim for permanent membership in UN Security Council (UNSC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the countries which are opposing India's bid for permanent membership in UNSC?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) US President Obama, in a speech to Hon'ble Members of Parliament in Delhi during his visit to India in November 2010, said that in the years ahead he looked forward to a reformed United Nations Security Council that included India as a permanent member. This was also mentioned in the Joint Statement issued on 8 November 2010 by our Prime Minister and President Barack Obama.

(c) Many countries have endorsed India's candidature for permanent membership in an expanded Security Council. However, there is a small minority of countries that would like to see expansion in only the non-permanent category and are opposed to any expansion of permanent seats. Pakistan has made known its opposition to India's bid for permanent membership.