

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA S ROLE IN THE UN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any fresh initiatives are being taken during the current year to secure a permanent seat for India in the United Nations Security Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the difficulties being faced in this regard;
- (c) the steps being taken to overcome them; and
- (d) the details of India's role in the United Nations?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) On 15 September 2008, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a decision to commence negotiations in its informal Plenary, no later than February 2009, on reform of the United Nations Security Council. India is taking active part in these intergovernmental negotiations. While different countries/groups of countries hold different positions on this issue, India has called for an expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories of membership.

(d) India has played a major role in all aspects of the United Nations activities such as decolonization, anti-apartheid, poverty alleviation, climate change, food security, energy security, peacekeeping, global disarmament, counter-terrorism and UN reforms. India's role in the United Nations has secured support of a large number of countries for its candidature for permanent membership of an expanded Security Council.