

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UN BUDGET
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of contribution made by India to United Nations budget during each of the last three years;
- (b) the basis of such contributions being made;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the Indian contribution in view of the financial health of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Contribution by India to the UN Regular budget and the UN Peacekeeping budget during the last three years are as follows:

All figures in rupees (crores)
2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

i. UN Regular Budget 53.74 52.79 56.54

ii. UN Peacekeeping Budget 30.02 36.55 41.56

(b) Each member state of the United Nations is obligated to contribute to the UN budget. The contribution is calculated on the basis of scale of assessments, which was last decided by the UN General Assembly in 2009. According to this scale, India's rate of assessment for contribution to the UN regular budget for 2009-2012 is fixed at 0.534 % of the total budget of the UN. Contribution to the UN Peacekeeping budget is also based on this scale of assessments with adjustments made for its capacity to contribute to peacekeeping operations.

(c) to (e) It is mandatory for every UN member state to contribute its share to the UN budget. As such, there is no proposal to reduce India's contribution below the scale of assessment determined by the UN.