

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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UNSC MEMBERSHIP

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

- (a) whether foreign countries support India on permanent UNSC membership; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries which have supported Indian's claim so far?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Several countries have expressed support for India's claim for permanent membership in an expanded Security Council in various fora, including, in bilateral discussions with the Government of India.

The question of India's membership of the Security Council would only be considered after an agreement on the nature and extent of expansion of the Council is arrived at in accordance with the provisions of the UN Charter. Thus, India has been actively making efforts to build support for an urgent reform of the UN Security Council, including an expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories of its membership.