

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Das Shri Ram Sundar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan has strongly opposed India's claim for permanent Membership in United Nations Security Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Pakistan has made known its opposition to India's bid for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Pakistan's National Assembly and its Cabinet adopted separate resolutions in November 2010, which, inter alia, stated that the US endorsement of India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council was a threat to peace, security, regional balance and stability in South Asia.

(c) The Government of India continues to strongly put across to the international community India's credentials for permanent membership of the UN Security Council based on its deep commitment to the United Nations and extensive contributions to its activities. Several countries have endorsed India's credentials to be a permanent member of an expanded Security Council.