

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RESOLUTION ON NPT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether United Nations has adopted a resolution on Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any pressure on India to sign Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the stand taken by India on the issue;
- (e) whether this issue came up for discussion on the sideline of the International Conference on Climate Change held recently;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the reaction of the various countries including USA on India's stand on NPT;
- (h) the countries which have given up all their nuclear weapons to usher in a nuclear weapons free world;
- (i) whether the Government is also participating in negotiations in the Fissile material cut-off treaty; and
- (j) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the negotiations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b) The UN Security Council Summit held on 24 September 2009 in New York adopted resolution 1887 which addressed several non-proliferation and disarmament issues including the NPT, CTBT, FMCT, IAEA safeguards, implementation of UNSC resolutions including 1540, nuclear security, nuclear-weapons free world, etc.
- (c) & (d) UN Security Council Resolution 1887 "calls upon all States that are not parties to the NPT to accede to the treaty as non-nuclear weapon states". In a letter to the President of the Security Council, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York stated that there is no question of India joining the NPT as a non-nuclear weapon state.
- (e) & (f) Several meetings and discussions take place on the side-lines of international multilateral events, all of which do not form part of official proceedings.
- (g) India's position on the NPT is well known, including to the USA.
- (h) There are at present 189 States Parties to the NPT. With the exception of the NPT's five nuclear weapons states, all other NPT States Parties have undertaken not to develop or acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.
- (i) & (j) In its Programme of Work for the 2009 session, the Conference on Disarmament (CD) in Geneva established, inter alia, a Working Group to negotiate a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. India supported the consensus in the CD on adoption of its Programme of Work. However, no Working Group was established during the year to undertake these negotiations.