

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1039

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INDIA S STAND ON PERMANENT SEAT IN UNSC

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

- (a) whether India has recently received the support of USA for its candidature for Permanent Seat in United Nations Security Council (UNSC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of countries which have so far supported its candidature;
- (c) the name of the Permanent Members of UNSC (veto wielding members) which do not support the claim of India for permanent membership and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No.
- (b) Several countries have extended support to India's claim for permanent membership of an expanded Security Council. This has been expressed in various forms and fora including in bilateral discussions with Government of India.
- (c) All permanent members of the UNSC have expressed the belief that reform of the Security Council is necessary in order to reflect contemporary realities. No permanent member of the UNSC has specifically opposed India's candidature.
- (d) Government continues to vigorously mobilize support for India's permanent membership of an expanded United Nations Security Council. For this purpose India remains fully engaged, bilaterally as well as in collaboration with the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany, and Japan), with other member states. In the inter-governmental negotiations at the United Nations General Assembly, India along with like-minded countries has pressed for an expansion of the Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories.