

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1050
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2009
INDIA S STAND ON CTBT
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the stand of Indian Government on Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT);
- (b) whether in the recent past, the US insisted India to ratify CTBT;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to relook the CTBT in a new perspective;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) India has declared a voluntary, unilateral moratorium on nuclear explosive testing. The United States has not insisted on India signing the CTBT in recent bilateral discussions.
- (d) to (f) Government remains committed to its voluntary, unilateral moratorium on nuclear explosive testing.