

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1131
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2009
ENDORING GOLDSTONE REPORT
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India had expressed its reservations over endorsing the findings and recommendations of the Goldstone Report on Israel at the United Nations General Assembly recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there has been any change in India's stand on Israel issue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) India voted in favour of the relevant resolution at the United Nations General Assembly, recently. However, after the voting, we made an Explanation of Vote, because we did not want our support for the resolution to be construed as our endorsement of the referrals to the United Nations Security Council, and the International Criminal Court, recommended in the Goldstone Report.
- (c) No.
- (d) Does not arise.