

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:679
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TIES WITH ISRAEL
Abdulrahman Shri

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Israel has asked India to overcome its cautious approach in establishing bilateral, diplomatic and other relations with that country on account of the large Muslim population in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the stand of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The Government of Israel, in its interactions with the Government of India, has not urged it to overcome its cautious approach in establishing bilateral, diplomatic and other relations with her on account of large Muslim population in India. India's relations with Israel stand on their own and do not affect our strong, time-tested and historic ties with the Arab world.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.