

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Singh Shri Bhola

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United Nations Security Council has convened an emergency meeting keeping in view the death of large number of people in various countries of the world due to the infectious nature of Ebola;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether India participated in that meeting; and
- (c) the details with regard to the steps taken by the Government to check the spread of Ebola and support the world community against the spread of Ebola?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) held a meeting on 18th September 2014 on 'Peace and Security in Africa- Ebola'. The UNSC unanimously adopted Resolution 2177 of 2014 on the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in West Africa and neighbouring countries, its impact and measures to control the outbreak. Apart from this, the UNSC also held meetings on 14 October 2014 and 21 November 2014 in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Peace and security in Africa". India not being a member of the UNSC, did not participate in these meetings.

(c) India has contributed an assistance of US \$ 10 million to the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund on Ebola established by the UN Secretary General, and has committed to provide protective gear worth US \$ 2 million to assist in efforts of the international community against the spread of the Ebola virus. Separately, in September 2014 India made a financial contribution of US \$ 0.5 million to the World Health Organisation to support its programme to prevent the spread of Ebola. India has also provided US\$ 50,000 worth of medical supplies to the worst affected countries [Sierra Leone, Liberia and the Republic of Guinea] by way of bilateral assistance.

The Government of India has put in place several measures to deal with the possible threat of the spread of the Ebola virus within the country.