

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLICATIONS OF CONFLICT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Government has made any assessment of the implications of the conflict situation in Iraq and Afghanistan on the strategic and security interests of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government continues to carefully assess the implications of the ongoing conflict situation in Iraq and Afghanistan on India's security and strategic interests. Government is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard India's security and territorial integrity. Government is closely following the ongoing developments in these countries particularly with regard to the safety and security of Indian nationals there.