

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP FOR UNSC

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the initiatives being taken by the Government for attaining Permanent Membership for the country in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC);**
- (b) whether China is never likely to support the said Permanent Membership for India at the UNSC; and**
- (c) whether India proposes to take any further initiatives under the prevailing circumstances, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) Government of India accords highest priority to securing permanent membership for India in an expanded United Nations Security Council (UNSC). This is consistently taken up by India both bilaterally and multilaterally at various levels, including at the highest levels. India's engagements in this regard cover various countries, including all five permanent members of the UNSC.

Expansion of the UNSC warrants an amendment of the United Nations Charter. India strongly believes that it has all the credentials to be a permanent member of a reformed and expanded UNSC that reflects contemporary global realities.

India consistently highlights the need for expanding both permanent and non-permanent categories and greater representation of the developing countries, with emphasis on the Global South, in an expanded and reformed

UNSC. India has also been advocating for early commencement of text-based negotiations with clearly laid out timelines and milestones.
