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Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has been able to mobilize world opinion for India playing its destined role and share its assigned responsibility, giving voice to the hopes and aspirations of over a billion people through its de jure positioning in global organizations like Security Council of UNO, G-20, G-8 etc.; and

(b) should India not be a member of G-20, which is a grouping of developed and emerging economies, if not the G-8, which is a club of wealthy countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) & (b) The Government continues its efforts to ensure that India plays an important role in global organizations and expresses views on issues of interest to the country at various multi-lateral fora. India is a member of G-20 since its inception. Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh has attended all the three G-20 Summits held so far in Washington DC, USA (November 2008), London, UK (April 2009) and Pittsburgh, USA (September 2009) in the wake of the international financial and economic crisis. India has actively participated in all G-20 meetings and articulated views on issues of interest to the country.

India is not a member of G-8 which brings together developed countries. There is no proposal for expansion of the G-8 to include developing economies like India. However, India has participated in the G8 – Outreach Summits along with Brazil, China, Mexico and South Africa.

India has been pursuing its candidature for Permanent Membership of the UN Security Council (UNSC). The first and necessary condition for this is expansion of the category of Permanent Membership of the UN Security Council. India is working towards this objective with a number of other Member States interested in genuine reform of the United Nations. Besides actively participating in the debates on Security Council reform at the United Nations, the Government continues to discuss with various countries to mobilize further support for India's candidature.