

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-232
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2022

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO RESOLVE RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

232. SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any diplomatic initiatives have been taken by Government on the need to pursue the path of dialogue and diplomacy for an early resolution of Russia-Ukraine conflict;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of urgent measures taken for defusing the prospect of usage of nuclear or radiological weapons in the conflict; and
- (d) the details of help and assistance provided to the people of Ukraine who were injured and whose buildings and institutions were damaged?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (c) Since the beginning of the conflict in Ukraine, India has consistently called for immediate cessation of hostilities and an end to violence. India has called upon both sides to return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue, and also expressed its support for all diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.

The Government has been in touch with Russia and Ukraine at various levels. Prime Minister has spoken to the Presidents of Russia and Ukraine on multiple occasions. He has urged for immediate cessation of hostilities and return to the path of diplomacy and dialogue for the resolution of the conflict. External Affairs Minister has been in regular touch with his counterparts from Russia and Ukraine. He also met the Ukrainian Prime Minister on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly. Raksha Mantri also held a telephonic conversation with the Defence Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. Sergei Shoigu on October 26, 2022 and pointed out that the nuclear option should not be resorted to by any side as the prospect of the usage of nuclear or radiological weapons goes against the basic tenets of humanity.

(d) India is providing humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and has sent around 100 tonnes of humanitarian aid. India has also provided financial aid for reconstruction of educational institutions at the request of the Ukrainian Government.
