

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-6
ANSWERED ON- 02.02.2023

INDIA'S PRESIDENCY OF G20

***6. SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India will be able to make use of the opportunity of G20 Presidency to assert its combined leadership of Global South, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether India will be able to devise pragmatic solutions to address global issues having made use of the opportunity of G20 Presidency, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether India, as the President and host, will factor in the perspectives of countries not represented in G20 as an inclusive approach; and
- (d) whether India will make use of the opportunity to elevate the African Union from a permanent observer to a full-fledged member of G20?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(DR. S. JAISHANKAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 6 for reply on 02.02.2023 regarding Regulation of India's Presidency of G20 asked by Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham.

(a to d): India has always amplified the voice of the Global South. In a unique initiative, India hosted a two-day special “Voice of Global South Summit”, in virtual mode, on 12-13 January 2023, under the theme “Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose”, with the participation of 125 countries of the Global South, including India. The Summit provided an opportunity for those countries that are not part of the G20 process to, inter-alia, share their ideas and expectations from the G20.

India's G20 Presidency priorities are inclusive and pragmatic, with broad areas of substantive deliberations comprising inclusive and resilient growth; progress on SDGs; green development and Lifestyle for Environment (Mission LiFE); technological transformation and public digital infrastructure; reforming multilateral institutions; women led development; and international peace and harmony. It is our endeavour that inputs generated from the “Voice of Global South Summit” receive cognizance globally, including in G20 deliberations.

India's G20 Presidency has the largest ever representation from Africa, with six countries. In addition to South Africa, a G20-member, five African countries viz. Egypt, Mauritius, Nigeria, AU Chair and AUDA-NEPAD Chair, have been invited to participate in G20 meetings and Summit during our Presidency. India has always been a voice of the Global South, including for our African friends and partners. While all decisions of the G20, including on its membership, are taken by G20 Members by consensus, India will continue to seek fair and balanced representation of developing countries in various multilateral fora.
