

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ESCALATING CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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

- (a) India's stance on the escalating conflict in the Middle East, particularly with reference to the recent hostilities involving Israel, Gaza and Iran;
- (b) the diplomatic measures being undertaken to ensure the safety of Indian citizens and diaspora in the affected regions; and
- (c) how Government assesses the potential impact of the crisis on India's energy security and trade routes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to c) India remains concerned by the evolving situation in West Asia and its ramifications for peace and stability in the region and beyond. We have called for de-escalation, restraint and return to path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Our Embassies in the region are constantly following the situation and are in touch with relevant authorities and Indian community in their respective countries to ensure their safety and security, including through the issue of timely travel advisories.

Attacks against commercial vessels in the Red Sea threaten freedom of navigation and impact our trade. Government is pursuing a multi-pronged strategy that includes diversifying supply sources, enhancing domestic production of oil & gas, expanding the adoption of alternate energy sources, and advancing the energy transition.
