

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 95
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

CHINESE INFLUENCE ON INDIA'S FRIENDLY COUNTRIES

*95. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the growing Chinese influence on India's friendly countries, including our neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry, if any, to strengthen confidence of the friendly countries on India and to expand co-operation on bilateral and multilateral fronts; and
- (d) the details in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 95 FOR REPLY ON 13.02.2025 REGARDING CHINESE INFLUENCE ON INDIA'S FRIENDLY COUNTRIES ASKED BY SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA.

India's relationship with any country stands on its own footing and is independent of the relations of these countries with third countries.

Government keeps a vigilant watch on all developments, including in the neighbouring countries, which have a bearing on India's national security, and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Neighbourhood First Policy continues to guide our approach to our neighbouring countries. It has resulted in outcome-oriented engagements, strong development partnerships, physical, digital and economic connectivity as well as vibrant people to people and cultural exchanges. We are confident of the structural strength of these ties and believe that they have a unique value for our partners.

As a Vishwa-Bandhu, India has taken initiatives in providing solutions to many contemporary global problems. India has constructively, and in concrete ways, championed the cause of holistic human-centric development and self-reliance capabilities of countries in the Global South. Throughout its G20 Presidency, India worked to ensure that the concerns and priorities of the Global South received due cognizance in various verticals of the G20, and were duly factored in finding solutions to the most pressing contemporary global challenges.

India has consistently piloted new initiatives at multilateral and plurilateral groupings, including the International Solar Alliance (ISA), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE). These and other such initiatives not only speak for India and put forward India's viewpoint on global issues such as reformed multilateralism, peace and security, climate change, transnational crime, terrorism, cyber-security, energy and food security etc., but serve as the voice of peace, security and prosperity for all.
