

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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CREDIBILITY AND CONSISTENCY OF INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed concerns that India's foreign policy is projecting conflicting signals under the rubric of strategic autonomy;
- (b) how continued energy trade and military engagements with Russia are being reconciled with India's commitment to a rules-based international order and partnerships with western nations;
- (c) whether Government has assessed if such positioning has weakened trust among partners and reduced India's influence in its immediate neighbourhood; and
- (d) the concrete diplomatic, economic and strategic measures proposed to counter growing external influence in South Asia and ensure a proactive and coherent foreign policy roadmap?

ANSWER

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

(a to d) India's foreign policy is guided by its overarching national interest. Strategic autonomy is an important strand of our foreign policy. Engagements with different partners are guided by considerations of mutual benefit. Decisions relating to energy and defence are based on considerations of security and availability, as well as the need to diversify sourcing. India's foreign policy has responded fully to the requirements of a multipolar world. We are regarded as a credible partner by a wide variety of groupings and this is reflected in expanded diplomatic engagements. This is also the case in the neighbourhood, where India continues to maintain strong relations. Sustained political and developmental engagement in its immediate neighbourhood covers India's initiatives in being a primary provider of development finance, acting as a first responder in crisis situations, building strong people-to-people linkages and bolstering capacity development.
