# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5448 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018

# **INSUFFICIENT BUDGET ALLOCATION**

### †5448. SHRIMATI BHAWANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is lack of coordination in implementation of foreign policy due to insufficient budget allocation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the budget allocation for the year 2017-2018 is sufficient;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Ministry to receive more funds under budget allocation?

#### ANSWER

### THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V.K.SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (e) The Ministry prioritizes and rationalizes its expenditure within allocated budgetary ceilings while ensuring that foreign policy priorities and objectives are addressed and met. The Ministry seeks enhancement of funds allocation from Ministry of Finance, where needed, including projecting its requirements with justifications in the Supplementary Demands for Grants and at Revised Estimates stages.

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