

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1618
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

EXTENDING IMMUNITY TO WORLD LEADERS

1618. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the State department of United States of America has equated the Indian Prime Minister along with certain world leaders for extending immunity;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto; and**
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the authorities in USA and if so, the details and the outcomes thereof ?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of External Affairs is aware of the remarks of the spokesperson of the U.S. Department of State. In Ministry's view, the comments were neither relevant, necessary nor contextual.

India and the United States of America enjoy a comprehensive global strategic partnership covering diverse areas with convergence of interests on a range of issues. This partnership has been boosted by vibrant people-to-people contacts. The strength of our partnership is reflected in the

excellent rapport between the Leaders of the two countries and in the robust engagement across all levels. In the past year alone, there have been numerous meetings between political Leadership of both countries, most recently at the G20 Summit in Bali in November 2022.

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