

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-397**  
ANSWERED ON-03/02/2023

**QUAD GROUP**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the opposition of China to Quad group of which India is also a member; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to achieve the objectives of the Quad in such a scenario?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) The Quad is a plurilateral framework comprising India, Australia, Japan and the United States of America. Quad countries share a commitment to uphold a free, open, inclusive, prosperous and peaceful Indo-Pacific region based on the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, international law and the rules based international order.

Quad Leaders and Ministers have taken note of attempts to discredit Quad through disinformation. They are committed to consolidating Quad's positive and constructive agenda focused on delivery of public goods to countries in the Indo-Pacific in areas such as health security, climate change and energy transition, supply chains, connectivity and infrastructure, education and space. Working Groups and other mechanisms have been set up to implement Quad's initiatives in these areas.

Under the Quad framework, India delivered Made in India COVID vaccines to Cambodia and Thailand in April 2022. India has taken the lead in establishing the Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to respond to natural disasters in the region. Quad's positive focus on practical cooperation has been well received in the region.

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