

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA STARRED  
QUESTION NO. 89  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

**Abstention from Voting on UN Resolution**

**\*89. Shri Gaurav Gogoi:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any change in the foreign policy of Government of India towards Palestine, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war;
- (b) whether India abstained from voting on UN Resolution A/ES-10/L.25 on the protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations on the ongoing Gaza crisis and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India voted in favor of UN Resolution A/C.4/78/L.15 on Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps for establishing ceasefire and for promotion of a peaceful and just resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 89 for reply on 08.12.2023 regarding Abstention From Voting On UN Resolution asked by Shri Gaurav Gogoi.**

(a, d & e) India's policy towards Palestine has been long standing and we have always supported a negotiated two State solution, towards establishment of a sovereign, independent and viable State of Palestine within secure and recognized borders, living side by side in peace with Israel.

India has strongly condemned the terror attacks on Israel on 7 October 2023 and also the loss of civilian lives in the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict. We remain concerned at the deteriorating security situation and have called for restraint, de-escalation and emphasized peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. We welcome the humanitarian pauses and the release of hostages and call for release of remaining hostages. Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister have spoken to several leaders in the region and across the world, including the President and Prime Minister of Israel and the Palestinian President and also in multilateral fora such as G20, BRICS and Voice of Global South Summit and reiterated our position.

(b & c) Our voting on UN resolutions on the issue of Israel Palestine have been in line with our stated policy.

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