

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 15/12/2023

BRICS PLUS VIRTUAL MEET

2164. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU

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

- (a) whether India attended the recent BRICS Plus Virtual Meet on Israel-Hamas War;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the issues which surfaced in the Meeting;
- (c) whether India reiterated its balanced stance on the ongoing Israel-Hamas War and expressed deep concern on large scale civilian casualties and humanitarian crisis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the member nations thereto and actions proposed to end the war?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a & b) External Affairs Minister attended the "Extraordinary Joint Meeting of BRICS Leaders and Leaders of the invited BRICS Members on the situation in the Middle East with particular reference to Gaza" convened by South Africa, in virtual format, on 21 November 2023. The meeting discussed the situation in Gaza following the Israel-Hamas conflict. The meeting was also attended by Leaders and representatives of Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Argentina and UAE.

(c & d) During the meeting, Leaders and representatives of the participating countries recalled their national positions on the Israel-Hamas conflict.

India reiterated its approach to terrorism and condemned the loss of civilian lives in the ongoing conflict, urging peaceful resolution of conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. Effective and safe delivery of humanitarian aid and the release of hostages was also emphasised.

India's long standing policy of supporting a negotiated two-state solution based on peaceful co-existence found greater resonance in the virtual summit.
