

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-965
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2023

FOREIGN POLICY

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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; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government to the ongoing Israel-Hamas war?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) India's policy towards Palestine is long-standing. India has always supported a negotiated two state solution, leading to the establishment of sovereign, independent and viable State of Palestine living within secure and recognized borders, side-by-side in peace with Israel.

(b) 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 Palestinian President and also in multilateral fora such as G20, BRICS and Voice of Global South Summit and reiterated the above.
