

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-48
ANSWERED ON- 02/02/2024**

INDIAN STAND ON PALESTINE

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

- (a) whether India has changed its stand on Palestine and extended its support to Israel in recent Israel-Palestine war;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to play its role in cracking breakthrough for complete peace between Israel and Palestine with two States solution and vacation of the occupied areas of Palestine by Israel; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)**

(a & b) India's policy towards Palestine has been long standing and consistent. We have 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.

(c & d) India has strongly condemned the terror attacks on Israel on 07 October 2023 and the loss of civilian lives in the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict. We have called for restraint and de-escalation and emphasized peaceful resolution of the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. We have also called for release of remaining hostages. Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister have spoken to several leaders, including President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel and the President and Foreign Minister of Palestine. External Affairs Minister met the Foreign Minister of Palestine on 20 January 2024 in Kampala and reiterated India's support for a two State solution. We also reiterated our position in multilateral fora such as the UN, G20, BRICS and Voice of Global South Summit.
