

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2072
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

CHANGE IN NUCLEAR POLICY

2072. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India has any plan to change the basic principle of India's Nuclear Doctrine, *i.e.* No First use according to which, nuclear weapons will only be used in retaliation against a nuclear attack on Indian Territory or on Indian forces anywhere; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the present stand on the aforesaid policy:**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) & (b) There has been no change in India's nuclear doctrine. India is committed to maintaining credible minimum deterrence and the policy of no-first use of nuclear weapons.
