

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1506
TO BE ANSWERED ON **10.02.2021**

POST COVID ROLE OF INDIA

1506 . SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has planned to document and release the role India would be having at the global stage in the post covid world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it intends to have a strategy document for the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Government continually assesses and refines its diplomatic stance and policies in response to evolving global challenges such a Covid Pandemic. Covid crisis has a bearing on India's short-term and long-term interests. While there is no single overarching and formalised strategic document that can capture all aspects of India's foreign policy in the post Covid world, the principles of our current diplomatic strategy are clear. India's positions on relevant issues and its interests, in the context of these principles, in a post Covid world have been articulated accordingly through various platforms.

These include safeguarding India's sovereignty and security, enabling India's domestic economic transformation, and building influence in global forums through bilateral, multilateral and regional efforts. This pragmatic and outcome-oriented foreign policy orientation has revitalised our traditional ties, re-energised our strategic, commercial, and economic relations with new partners and re-connected us with our Diaspora abroad. It has provided us a foundation for dealing with the new and fast changing realities of the post Covid world which requires us to pursue objectives such as *Atma Nirbharta* and human-centric globalisation.
