

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

SUPPORT ON FARM BILL

**361. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries including PIOs have given support to the agitation of Indian farmers against three bills passed by Indian Parliament;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries where such protest took place and statements issued by some country heads in support of farmers agitation;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with these countries warning them not to interfere in the internal matters of India; and
- (d) if so, the details of the view point of those countries?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) No foreign government has given support to agitation of Indian farmers against three bills passed by Indian Parliament. In Canada, UK, USA, and in few European countries, protests by a few motivated PIO's on issues related to the Indian Farm Bill have been reported. Canadian PM Justin Trudeau made a comment on issues related to farmers in India.

(c) & (d) We have taken up this matter with the Canadian authorities both in Ottawa and New Delhi and conveyed that such comments pertaining to the internal affairs of the India are unwarranted, unacceptable and would damage India-Canada bilateral relations. Government of Canada has welcomed the Government of India's commitment to ongoing dialogue with the farmers to discuss issues of concern.
