

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1418
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.21**

UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

1418. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether India will submit a mid-term report to the United Nations Human Rights Council on the status of implementation of recommendations received during its third Universal Periodic Review (UPR);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the timeline for such submission, and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether civil society will be included in the process of implementation and monitoring of UPR recommendations and the preparation of the Government's next report for India's fourth UPR; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) States and other stakeholders can, on a voluntary basis, submit mid-term reports to the Human Rights Council in respect of recommendations received during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This is not a mandatory requirement. In the case of India, the National Human Rights Commission has already submitted a mid-term report in May 2020 on the status of implementation of recommendations received during India's third UPR.

(c) & (d) India believes in using the UPR national report drafting process as an opportunity to receive feedback on its laws and policies for advancing human rights. For this reason, India followed a broad-based consultative process in drafting the national report for the third cycle of the UPR that was submitted in 2017. During the drafting process, a series of national-level consultations were held with civil society representatives, national human rights institutions, line Ministries and academicians to aid in the identification of issues, achievements, challenges and constraints. A

similar approach is likely to be followed in drafting the report for India's fourth Universal periodic Review (UPR).
