

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2590
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2021**

PRESIDENCY OF UNSC

2590. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is going to assume Presidency of the 15 nation body United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in August, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India will take necessary steps with international communities to get the support by its contribution and claim right to become a permanent member of UNSC; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, India will assume Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in August, 2021.

During its presidency, India will take several initiatives in the UNSC. These include:

- (i) High-level Virtual meeting on “Enhancing Maritime Security: A case for International Cooperation”.
- (ii) High-level Open Debate on “Protecting the Protectors: Technology and Peacekeeping”.
- (iii) High-level briefing on “Threats to International Peace and Security caused by Terrorist Acts”.

(c) & (d) The Government accorded the highest priority to assume permanent membership for India in an expanded United Nations Security Council. India is actively engaged in the ongoing Inter-Governmental Negotiations (IGN) on UNSC reform at the UN and has been working with other reform-oriented countries through its membership of the G-4 (India, Brazil, Germany and Japan) and the L.69 Group (cross-regional grouping of developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America).

UNSC reform and expansion of its membership, with India as a

permanent member, continues to be one of India's main priorities at high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements.
