GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3747
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

ABSTENTION FROM UN RESOLUTION

3747.  SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:
        PROF. SOUGATA RAY:
        SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:
(a) whether India has continuously abstained from voting on Russia on
three consecutive occasion in meetings held by United Nations (UN);
(b) if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether after three abstention United States of America (USA) has
called upon India to distance itself from Russia;
(d) if so, whether both the countries Russia and USA are strategic
partners for India in defence, economic relations and trade;
(e) if so, whether the Government has assessed the impact of its stand
in UN; and
(f) if so, the future strategy chalked out by Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (f) India’s position on the Ukraine conflict has been steadfast and
consistent. This was also outlined in detail in the statement of External
Affairs Minister at the floor of the Parliament on 15th March 2022.

India expressed deep concern at the worsening situation and called
for immediate cessation of violence and end to all hostilities.

In statements at the UN Security Council and the General Assembly,
India urged for an urgent ceasefire and ensuring safe passage for
stranded civilians.

Given the pressing humanitarian situation, India has already sent
over 90 tonnes of humanitarian supplies to Ukraine and its neighbours
during hour of crisis.

Prime Minister has conveyed to the leadership of both Russian
Federation and Ukraine that there is no other choice except the path of
diplomacy and dialogue. India has also reaffirmed in its statements that
the global order is anchored on international law, principles of the UN
Charter and respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty of States.
India’s approach to the Ukraine conflict has also been discussed with other major international partners, including the USA.