## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3817 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

### **BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA**

### 3817. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

- (a) the perceived impact of Ukraine and Russia's war on India according to the assessment by the Ministry;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that India's interests are not adversely impacted by the war;
- (c) the perceived impact of Russia getting closer to China; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that the sanctions imposed on Russia does not have an impact on India's bilateral relations with Russia.

#### **ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SMT. MEENAKASHI LEKHI]

(a) to (d) The conflict in Ukraine placed the Indian community in Ukraine in direct danger. As a result of our advisories and Operation Ganga, around 22500 Indian citizens have returned to India safely since February 2022.

Many countries have imposed sanctions on Russia due to the conflict. These are expected to have an impact on the global economy, including through disruption of supply chains. Its impact on energy and commodity prices is already visible. We are in the process of analysing its impact on India-Russia bilateral trade and economic cooperation, in consultation with all stakeholders. India's relations with Russia stand on their own merit.

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