

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3080**

**ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2024**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SFNS**

**3080. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-**

- (a) whether the Government has any plan for development of an early warning system designed to capture broader trends and potential flashpoints to address the current instability in the South Asian geopolitical landscape;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has considered establishing a Specialized Neighbourhood Foreign Service (SFNS) to address the south asian geopolitical challenges; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof along with the impact on the existing Indian Foreign Service officers, selection and training for SFNS and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

**(a & b) Government keeps a vigilant watch on all developments which have a bearing on India's national security, and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.**

**(c & d) No. There is no proposal for creation of a Specialized Neighbourhood Foreign Service (SFNS). The Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officers are deployed in our diplomatic Missions and Posts, including in the South Asian region, to adequately carry out all requisite functions.**

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