

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3128

ANSWERED ON- 13/12/2024

WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL'S FORCES FROM LEBANON

3128. SHRI S VENKATESAN

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

- (a) the stance of the Government of India on call by Israel to withdraw UN peace keeping forces from Southern Lebanon in view of the worsening conditions along the Israel-Lebanon border as per joint statement issued by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) troop contributing countries; and**
- (b) whether India has taken/proposes to take any serious diplomatic efforts to ensure withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & b) As a major Troop Contributing Country to United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), India expressed its concern at the deteriorating security situation along the Blue Line and called on all to respect inviolability of UN premises and for appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the peacekeepers and the sanctity of their mandate. India also aligned with the Joint Statement issued by UNIFIL Troop Contributing Countries calling for the same.

India has always called for de-escalation, restraint and return to the path of dialogue and diplomacy. On 27 November 2024, a ceasefire was announced between Israel and Lebanon. India welcomed the ceasefire and expressed the hope that it will lead to peace and stability in the wider region.
