

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-5543

ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025

DIPLOMATIC STAND OFF BETWEEN INDIA AND CANADA

5543. MR. PATHAN YUSUF

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

(a) whether any action has been taken by the Government to address the issue of the recent diplomatic standoff between India and Canada including allegations of foreign interference and subsequent diplomatic expulsions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to restore normalcy in bilateral relations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) The downturn in India-Canada relations is a result of the license given to secessionist and extremist elements in Canada.

The Government of India has repeatedly urged the Canadian Government to take prompt and effective action against all anti-India elements operating from its soil. This includes preventing secessionist and extremist elements from glorifying the assassination of our leaders; issuing threats to our current political leadership and diplomats; disrespecting and vandalizing places of worship; and espousing for the balkanization of India by holding so-called "referendums". We continue to engage with the Government of Canada to address our concerns regarding the activities of anti-India elements in Canada.

As far as the issue of foreign interference is concerned, it is a fact that Canada has been consistently interfering in India's internal affairs. This has also created an environment for illegal migration and organized criminal activities. We reject any insinuations made by the Canadian Government on India.

Our hope is that we can rebuild ties, based on mutual respect and sensitivity.
