

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5596**

**ANSWERED ON- 04/04/2025**

**STRENGTHENING OF INDIA'S STRATEGIC POSITION**

**5596. SHRI ZIA UR REHMAN**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the challenges posed by shifting global alliances and emerging geopolitical tensions; and**
- (b) if so, the details of the diplomatic measures proposed to strengthen India's strategic position and protect its national interests in the evolving global order?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)**

- (a) The Government is constantly monitoring all geopolitical developments having a bearing on India's national interest. Amidst uncertainties and challenges of geopolitical tensions and shifting equations, the Government has taken steps to strengthen India's strategic position and protect its national interests.**

**(b) Government of India has established strategic partnerships with more than 30 countries across the Global South and North. To further strengthen bilateral strategic partnerships, the Government has entered into technology partnerships with various countries including the US, Japan, the UK, the EU, among others. The Government has also undertaken negotiations for signing of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with key partners. Apart from strong bilateral partnerships, the Government has undertaken various foreign policy initiatives to strengthen regional and international cooperation. These include the Neighbourhood First Policy, Act East Policy, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions (MAHASAGAR) initiative, Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and Link West Policy. Other major India-led initiatives include the International Solar Alliance, Global Biofuels Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure and India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor. In addition, through India's participation in various multilateral and plurilateral groupings like the G20, BRICS, Quad, UN and its various agencies, India has been engaging partner countries on a wide range of contemporary global issues having a bearing on India's economic and security interests.**

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