

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1101

ANSWERED ON - 25/07/2025

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FROM SAARC

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be please to state:

- (a) whether India has withdrawn its membership from the SAARC, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) the alternative steps being contemplated to strengthen diplomatic ties in the sub Region to compensate the imminent loss?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) No.

(b) India continues to support various activities in diverse areas to achieve closer cooperation in SAARC. However, the efforts to continue

the SAARC dialogue, including holding of important meetings are hindered due to Pakistan sponsoring cross border terrorism and blocking trade and transport connectivity efforts in the region. India has been actively engaging countries in the region including in South Asia to strengthen the regional partnership through the BIMSTEC mechanism.
