## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3955 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.12.2015

#### **FUNDING TO UN**

#### 3955. SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India contributes to the funding of the United Nations and its agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof over the last three years, agency and committeewise;
- (c) the percentage share of contribution by India as against the total funding in these UN agencies;
- (d) the benefits gained by India in providing such funding to the United Nations and its agencies;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to reduce the said contribution; and
- (f) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) Yes, India contributes to the funding of the United Nations and its agencies.
- (b) The details are given at Annexure.
- (c) Each member state is obligated to contribute to the UN. The contribution is calculated on the basis of scale of assessments, which takes into account the country's share of the global Gross National Income with discounts given for low per-capita income and the country's external debt. The contribution in respect of UN peacekeeping operations is also based on this scale of assessments with adjustments made for average per capita Gross National Income vis-a-vis global average Gross National Income. The scale of assessments is normally reviewed after every three years. Based on this scale, India's contribution to the UN regular budget was fixed at 0.534% from 2009-12 and 0.666% from 2013-2015. India's contribution to UN peacekeeping operations was fixed at 0.1068% for the period 2009-12 and at 0.1332% for the period 2013-15.
- (d) to (f) As a member state of the UN, it is mandatory for India to contribute to the UN budget. As such, there is no proposal to reduce India's contribution below the scale of assessment determined by the UN.

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### Table showing India's contribution to UN and its agencies during the last three years

(In US\$)

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S.No.	Datails/Name of the Organization	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	Regular Budget of United Nations	16,971,558	17,194,059	18,072,340
2	Contribution to United Nations Peacekeeping Operations	9,511,512	5,774,442	10,784,779
3	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
4	United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)	900,000	900,000	900,000
5	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	500,000	500,000	500,000
6	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	100,000	100,000	100,000
7	World Food Programme (WFP)	960,000	960,000	960,000
8	UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
9	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	100,000	100,000	100,000
10	United Nations Commission on Human Settlements(UNCHS) Programme (HABITAT)	100,000	100,000	100,000
11	UN Volunteers	15,000	15,000	15,000
12	UN Women	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
13	UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund	0	3,000	3,000
14	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	150,000	150,000	150,000
15	World Federation of UN Association (WFUNA)	3,000	3,000	3,000
16	UN International Law Seminar	5,000*	5,000*	5,000*
17	UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)	9,12 7	10,000	2,73,000**
18	World Health Organization- for Ebola	0	0	5,00,000
19	The UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons Sponsorship Programme	0	0	10,000
20	UN Geneva General Fund – Ottawa Convention Meetings	910.19	0	0
21	UN Geneva General Fund – BWC	8491.16	5797.86	9294
22	UN Geneva General Fund – 12 <sup>th</sup> Mine Ban Convention	0	2893.77	0
23	UN Geneva General Fund – APCL Meetings	0	0	4475
24	UN Geneva General Fund – CCW Meetings	0	0	7958

<sup>\*</sup> in Swiss Francs (CHF)

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