

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:41
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2003
DEPLOYMENT OF INDIAN TROOPS IN IRAQ
ABUL HASNAT KHAN;NIVEDITA MANE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US Government has requested the Indian Government to send its troops for the stabilisation process in Iraq;
- (b) if so the decision taken by the Union Government on the said request;
- (c) whether the Government sought a UN Security Council Resolution on deployment of troops to Iraq; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): Government of India has decided, after careful consideration, that it could consider the deployment of troops in Iraq, were there to be an explicit U.N. mandate for the purpose.