

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD ECONOMIC POLICY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is working on a neighbourhood economic policy;
- (b) if so, the details of the said policy; and
- (c) the names of countries which are being associated in the policy;

Answer

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

(a), (b) and (c) The Government's objective remains to strengthen mutually beneficial trade and economic linkages with all our neighbours, both through bilateral initiatives, as well as through relevant regional cooperation mechanisms. Policies are constantly fine-tuned to subserve this objective.