GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1295 ANSWERED ON:10.12.2003 RESOLUTION OF OIC ON J & K CHANDRA NATH SINGH;NIVEDITA MANE;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the recently adopted resolution on Jammu and Kashmir by the Organization of Islamic countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Summit (Putrajaya) Declaration did not contain references to any country / regional issues (including J&K). However the OIC Summit Communiqué, the Statement of the OIC Secretary General, Declaration of the OIC Contact Group on J&K and other routin OIC Resolutions contain references to J&K as in the past but with incremental changes.

(c) The OIC has no locus standi in matters concerning internal affairs. The Government of India therefore rejects all such resolutions and references outright.