

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN POLICY

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the experts have criticized the Government for abandoning the country's independent foreign policy and succumbing to American pressure on the Iraq issue;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to return to an independent foreign policy?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Government is not aware of any criticism by experts for abandoning the country's independent foreign policy and succumbing to American pressure on the Iraq issue. Government's policy continue to be guided by the consensus reflected in the Parliament resolution of April 2003 on this subject.

(b)-(c) Do not arise.