

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3080
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2004
SENDING INDIAN TROOPS TO SUDAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to send Indian troops to Sudan under the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of other countries where Indian forces have been deployed at present under the aegis of UNPKF?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In response to a U.N. request, Government of India has made a commitment to the United Nations to provide an infantry battalion group with support elements, an Air Force unit comprising six utility helicopters and police personnel consisting of a Special Police Unit and individual police officers.

(c) Indian troops are currently deployed in U.N. Peacekeeping missions in Lebanon, Ethiopia-Eritrea and Democratic Republic of Congo. Indian police personnel are serving in the U.N. Mission in Kosovo.