

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1142
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OUTSTANDING AMOUNT AGAINST UN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount outstanding against the United Nations to India in connection with the deployment of forces for its role in peace keeping operations and other heads, if any, at present;
- (b) the reasons for delay in payment; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) An amount of US \$ 147.516 million is outstanding against the United Nations, as on October 31, 2006, in connection with India's current deployment in UN peacekeeping operations.

(b) & (c) The delay in making payments to India and other troop contributing countries is mainly due to some member states withholding or delaying their mandatory financial contributions to the United Nations. The Government continues to actively follow up this matter with the UN authorities as well as other member states. The Government has also raised this issue in the UN General Assembly and its Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.