

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW FOREIGN POLICY

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to have a new foreign policy;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof ; and
- (c) the extent to which the new policy is likely to be different from the existing one?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a), (b) & (c) There has been no change in the fundamental tenets of India's foreign policy. Government is determined to maintain India's independent foreign policy, built on national consensus and based on supreme national interests. To this end, India has accorded high priority to closer political, economic and cultural ties with its neighbours; is expanding its network of international relationships – preserving solidarity with traditional allies and strengthening new partnerships. India is also working with like-minded nations for an equitable, multi-polar world order, which takes into account the legitimate aspirations of developing countries.