

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether efforts are being made by the Government to persuade the United Nations to declare Mahatma Gandhi's birthday on 2nd October as the International Day of Non-violence;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the move is being opposed by any quarters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b) On June 15, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution on 'International Day of Non-Violence' piloted by India with the co-sponsorship of 142 countries to annually observe and celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, October 2, as the 'International Day of Non-Violence'.
- (c), (d) & (e) Do not arise.