

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:44
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SENDING INDIAN TROOPS TO IRAQ
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindi daily 'Hindustan' dated June 12, 2004 regarding sending of Indian Troops to Iraq;
- (b) whether the Minister of External Affairs made a statement recently in Washington to the effect that a fresh look on the said matter may be taken ;
- (c) if so, the details of the perception of the Government on the changed scenario in Iraq at the moment;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the sharp criticism in the wake of the Minister's alleged statement; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government to the matter ?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) No Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d)&(e) Minister of External Affairs has clarified that the question of sending Indian troops to Iraq did not arise.