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QUESTION NO.2096 ISOLATION OF QATAR BY ARAB COUNTRIES

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2096
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2017

ISOLATION OF QATAR BY ARAB COUNTRIES

2096. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Government's reaction to the crisis in Gulf due to isolation of Qatar by Arab countries;
- (b) whether this situation has affected India politically as well as economically in the context of India's cordial and intimate relations with the entire Gulf countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken in the interest of lakhs of Indians who are working there and having business relations with Gulf countries?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) The Government has been closely following the emerging situation in the Gulf region in the wake of the decision by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and some other countries to break diplomatic relations with the State of Qatar. India's position is that all parties should resolve their differences through a process of constructive dialogue and peaceful negotiations based on well-established international principles of mutual respect, sovereignty and non interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

(b) No, this situation has not affected India politically as well as economically in the context of India's cordial and close relations with the Gulf countries.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Government is in regular touch with the regional countries who have assured us of their continued support for the welfare and well-being of over eight million Indian expatriates in the Gulf region.



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