

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.518
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2022

IMPACT OF HATE SPEECHES ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES

518. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of *EXTERNAL AFFAIRS* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether hate speeches and defamatory comments by the leaders and spokespersons of political parties in India have affected its friendly relations with Arab countries recently;
- (b) the manner in which Government responded to the statement made against the prophet recently, whether the person has been booked with case for this comment; and
- (c) whether any of the Arab country has condemned this act and in what manner Government is planning to deal with such incidents in the future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (c) No. India shares historic and friendly relations with Arab countries which have strengthened significantly in past few years in different domains including political, trade and investment, defence, security, science and technology, culture and people-to-people ties. Government of India continues to attach high priority to further strengthen relations with Arab countries, who understand the outlook and views of the Government.

With regard to recent remarks the relevant political organisation has clarified its position. This has been duly recognized by Arab Governments.
