

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1814  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.05.2016**

**CHINA BUILDING PORT IN MALDIVES**

**†1814. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the reports that China is likely to build a port in Maldives;**
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;**
- (c) whether this move of China is likely to pose a threat to India by expanding its presence in the Indian Ocean; and**
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]**

**(a) to (d) Government is aware of reports that Government of Maldives has been discussing port infrastructure development with international partners, including China. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.**

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