

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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NAVAL PRESENCE OF CHINA IN IOR

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(a)whether the Government has taken cognisance of the growing naval presence of China in and around the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and other regions around the country;

(b)if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c)whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any review of the defence preparedness to meet the security threats posed by both Pakistan and China; and

(d)if so, the details thereof?

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): The Government is aware of Chinese participation in the Indian Ocean Region in development projects like ports as well as in anti-piracy operations and deep sea mining. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments concerning our national security and economic interests and takes necessary measures to safeguard them, in accordance with the prevailing security situation and strategic considerations.