

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1402**  
ANSWERED ON- 10/02/2023

**DOCKING OF YUAN WANG-5**

1402. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI

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

- (a) whether India had conveyed its concern to Sri Lanka about docking of Yuan Wang-5 at the southern part of Hambantota from August 16 to 22, 2022;
- (b) if so, whether China is likely to use such a spy ship in Indian Ocean Region (IOR) for spying while India is testing its Missiles; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to safeguard its missiles from spying by Chinese Ships?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Government is aware of reports of the visit by a Chinese naval vessel at the Hambantota Port in August 2022. Government carefully monitors any developments having a bearing on India's security and economic interests, and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them.

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