

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PAK NAVAL BASE IN ARABIAN SEA
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan is establishing a Naval base in the Arabian Sea;
- (b) if so, whether the said Naval base has caused a threat to the major cities and industrial areas in Western India;
- (c) if so, whether the Government are taking any concrete steps to put restraints on Pakistani activities in that area; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The Navy has taken cognizance of the Naval bases being set up by Pakistan on its coast and have factored them into its strategic and tactical plans.