

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up a Rapid Deployment Force to protect Indian interests in the Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.