GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2196 ANSWERED ON:10.03.2010 CHINA MAKING MILITARY BASES IN INDIAN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES Yadav Shri Ranjan Prasad

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an article posted on a Chinese Government website Signalling Beijing's intentions to set up military bases in India's neighbourhood has come to the notice of the Government; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) Government has seen the article in question. The article expresses the views of an individual Chinese scholar. India and China have established a Strategic and Cooperative Partnership and have enunciated a Shared Vision for the 21st Century. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.