GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2889 ANSWERED ON:11.08.2010 DEVELOPMENT OF PORT IN BANGLADESH Panda Shri Baijayant;Pradhan Shri Nityananda;Semmalai Shri S.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China proposes to develop sea-port in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the strategic implications as a result thereof from India's point of view; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government has seen media reports stating that China has proposed to give assistance to Bangladesh for building a seaport in Chittagong.

(c): Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.