

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE PRESENCE IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether starting its many projects in Pakistan, PoK and Nepal, China has achieved a contract for Colombo port;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Indian company had participated in the bidding for Colombo port;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Government is aware of China's enhanced economic and technological capabilities in execution of infrastructure projects in developing countries. It has been reported that a Chinese company has won the contract and signed a Letter of Intent with the Sri Lanka Ports Authority for construction of the Colombo South Container Terminal. It is understood that Indian companies did not participate in the tender process. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it