

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:705  
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MILITARY BASE IN LAKSHADWEEP  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in view of the recent attempts by the Somali pirates to hijack commercial ships in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Islands, there is proposal to establish permanent military base there;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Establishment and/or augmentation of military base in Union Territory of Lakshadweep is based on analysis and assessment of the threat perception to coastal security and merchant shipping, as well as requirement from strategic perspective. This is an ongoing and continuous process. Presently a naval detachment is operational at Kavarathi Island.