

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DIALOGUE WITH CHINA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and China have decided to initiate a `maritime dialogue` keeping in view of the growing profile as well as the rivalry between Indian and Chinese navies in the Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has raised the issue of imbalance in bilateral trade with a huge surplus in Beijing`s favour and urged China to allow Indian IT and pharma companies access to the Chinese market; and
- (d) if so, the Chinese response thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) & (b) During the visit of Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi to New Delhi on 29 February-1 March 2012, India and China agreed to establish a dialogue mechanism to str engthen coordination and explore possibilities of cooperation on maritime issues.
- (c) & (d) The matter of India's trade deficit with China has been raised with the Chi nese side on many occasions including during the visit of the Chinese President to India in March 2012. The Chinese President conveyed that China takes this matter seriously and would like to facilitate India's efforts to expand exports to the Chinese market. He added that the two sides should tap into the potential for export of agricultural items, cooperation in infrastructure, mutual investment and Information Technology.