

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2143  
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2012  
PRESENCE OF CHINA IN SRI LANKA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Chinese plan to modernize the Colombo port;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other ports or facilities in Sri Lanka likely to be undertaken for modernisation purpose by China;
- (d) whether the Government of India has expressed its concerns to the Government of Sri Lanka towards the growing presence of China in Sri Lanka; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Sri Lanka Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes. Government has seen media reports 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.
- (c) to (e) Government is aware of China's enhanced economic and technological capabilities in execution of infrastructure projects in developing countries. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.