

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINA S IT PROJECTS IN MALDIVES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of China's Information Technology (IT) projects in Maldives and Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian security agencies have expressed their apprehensions about the possibility to China using these IT projects to monitor messages between India-Nepal and India-Maldives; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to deal with this situation ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (d) Government have seen reports of Chinese firms implementing IT projects in Nepal and the Maldives. Government is aware of China's enhanced economic and technological capabilities in execution of 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.