

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has decided to set up a naval base at Seychelles island in the Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any precautionary measures in view of China's presence in the Indian Ocean; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the capacity of Indian Navy in view of China deploying aircraft carrier and setting up naval base at Seychelles island?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): As per the information available, no Naval base has been established by China in Seychelles. The Government is aware of Chinese participation in development projects in the Indian Ocean Region and keeps a constant watch on all developments concerning our national security. Necessary measures are taken to safeguard our interests in accordance with the prevailing security situation and strategic considerations.