

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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THREAT FROM CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per a confidential document of the Defence Ministry a threat to the security of India has emerged due to fast increasing traffic of Chinese submarines in Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government propose to hold talks with Chinese Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Indian Navy closely monitors the areas of Indian interest and undertakes continuous evaluation of the maritime security environment. Capability development and surveillance are on-going processes in support of security objectives. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments concerning our national security and interests and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them in accordance with the prevailing situation and strategic considerations.