

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4170
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INSTALLING OF RADARS IN MALDIVES
Muttamwar Shri Vilas Baburao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Maldives has requested for the installation of Radars across the island to help monitor the surrounding seas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) the total expenditure involved on the installation of radars and whether these radars are to be manned by the experts from India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (d) Both India and the Maldives are engaged in bilateral cooperation in diverse fields, including in the areas of defence and security. Raksha Mantri paid an official visit to Maldives from 20-22 August, 2009. Both sides discussed enhancing security cooperation, including strengthening maritime surveillance and coastal security.