

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any request to India from the countries of Indian Ocean region to step up its role as net security provider; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to develop a frame work of greater co-operation including maritime security?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b): India constructively engages with countries in the region based on the principles of shared security and shared prosperity through multilateral fora such as the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS). As an example, India has contributed to Projects of the Co-operative Mechanism of littoral nations to enhance the safety of navigation and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.