

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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NAVAL BASE AT SEYCHELLES BY CHINA
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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 the seriousness of China's presence in the Indian Ocean and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is making any effort to increase the capacity of Indian Navy in view of China deploying aircraft carrier and setting up naval base at Seychelles island; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): As per the information available, no Naval base has been established by China in Seychelles. However, 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.

(c) & (d): Modernization of Indian Navy to create capability for future threats and challenges is an ongoing process.