

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether China is encircling India in the Indian ocean by building strategic military bases in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the counter steps taken by the Government to restrict Chinese build up and increase the strength of navy's capabilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): There are no reports of strategic military bases in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Myanmar being built by China. However, Government is aware of Chinese involvement in commercial infrastructural projects such as port development, construction of Oil and Gas Pipeline and building of highways in these countries.

(c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments concerning our national security and commercial interests and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them in accordance with the prevailing security and strategic considerations. Capability enhancement and capability creation through modernization and acquisition of new assets is an ongoing process.