

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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White Paper on Defence
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a white paper on defence released by China unveiling an aggressive military strategy, especially with reference to freedom of navigation in the South China Sea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) & (b): Government is aware of a white paper released by China in May 2015. But, this does not include reference to freedom of navigation in the South China Sea.
- (c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
