

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Agreement with Maldives

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has entered into any pact or agreement with Maldives recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Maldives entering a pact with China or US would challenge India's strategic interests; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Yes. During the visit of the President of Maldives H.E. Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom to India on April 11, 2016, the following 6 documents were signed:

- i. Agreement for Avoidance of Double Taxation of Income derived from International Air Transport
- ii. Agreement for the Exchange of Information with respect to Taxes
- iii. MoU for Cooperation in the area of conservation and restoration of ancient mosques and joint research and exploratory surveys in Maldives
- iv. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Tourism
- v. Bilateral Agreement related to Orbit Frequency Coordination of "South Asia Satellite" proposed at 480E
- vi. Action Plan for Defence Cooperation

(c) & (d) India's relations with Maldives are long standing and based on mutual interest. In furthering these ties, Government remains alert to developments having a bearing on India's interests and takes all measures necessary.