

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:45

ANSWERED ON:26.11.2014

CHINESE SUBMARINES

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the nuclear powered Chinese submarine docked at the Colombo International Container Terminal is posing 000` threat to India's security;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has expressed its concern to Sri Lanka over China's increasing military presence on the island;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Sri Lankan Government thereon; and
- (e) the immediate preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 REGARDING `CHINESE SUBMARINES` FOR ANSWER ON 26.11.2014

A conventional (diesel-powered) Chinese submarine berthed at Colombo Port from 7-13 September, 2014 and 31 October- 6 November, 2014. Government of India closely monitors foreign military presence in India's neighbourhood. India and Sri Lanka share a strong and multi-faceted relationship, and cooperate closely on various issues, including defence and security aspects. In this context, the Government has taken up with the Government of Sri Lanka the recent visits of the Chinese submarine to Colombo. Government of Sri Lanka has informed that the submarine visited Colombo for replenishment purposes, and has reassured that the Government of Sri Lanka would not do anything against the security interests of India. Government of India will continue to take all necessary measures to safeguard India's security and sovereignty.'