

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.350
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

OPPOSITION OF PERMANENT CHINESE BASE IN IOR

350. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quadrilateral group, comprising Australia, India, Japan and the United States of America has urged their partner countries to oppose the establishment of permanent Chinese bases in strategically important Indian Ocean Region (IOR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what strategic steps India along with Australia, Japan and USA is taking to oppose establishment of permanent Chinese military bases in IOR?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Government engages with various countries through bilateral, multilateral and plurilateral platforms on issues that advance our interests and promote our viewpoint. India has undertaken consultations with Australia, Japan and the United States on regional and global issues of common interest. These discussions focus on cooperation in areas such as connectivity, sustainable development, counter-terrorism, non-proliferation and maritime and cyber security, with a view to promoting peace, stability and prosperity in an increasingly inter-connected Indo-Pacific region that the four countries share with each other and with other partners.
