

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3885

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017

CHINESE PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION

3885. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:  
SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:  
SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of Chinese submarines deployed in the Indian Ocean region and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new maritime policy for surveillance and counter Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean region and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to form Air Defence Identification Zone and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to counter China's increasing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) to (d): Government keeps a close watch on all developments having a bearing on our national security and takes necessary measures to safeguard it. Further, appropriate steps are taken to ensure that the security concerns are adequately addressed through various measures including capability building and infrastructural development.**

However, five Air Defence Identification Zones have been promulgated by the Government in September 2006 for assistance in identification of air movements.

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