

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3183
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2018

CHINESE THREAT IN INDIAN WATERS

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

- (a) whether Naval Chiefs of Quadrilateral Nations, i.e. U.S., India, Australia and Japan, have called China a disruptive power;
- (b) if so, whether Chinese Navy had made big changes to its deployment pattern in the waters of India; and
- (c) if so, the steps the Government has taken to meet this Chinese threat in Indian waters?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) No such statement has been made by the Chief of Naval Staff of India.

(b) & (c): Government is aware of China's stated objective of becoming a 'maritime power'. As part of this strategy, China is undertaking maritime activities and developing ports and other infrastructure facilities in the littoral countries in the Indo-Pacific region, including in the vicinity of India's maritime boundary.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
