

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5387
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH MARCH, 2018

WATCH OVER INDIAN OCEAN

5387. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE जेके एच
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Navy has decided to increase watch over Indian Ocean and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether of late, China has increased its presence in the Indian Ocean in the name of anti piracy operations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto;
- (d) whether atleast 12-15 major warships are on round the clock surveillance of critical choke points in the Indian Ocean Region; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

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

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(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

(a) to (e): The geo-strategic importance of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) has seen a gradual increase in the recent past. Indian Navy closely monitors the maritime areas of our interest and regularly deploys ships for Presence and Surveillance Missions (PSM), off critical choke points / sea lanes in the IOR.
