

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5983  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018

NAVAL OPERATION IN MALDIVES

5983. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch an immediate Naval Operation in Maldives to counter Chinese interference there and save natural diversity of the place;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the operation is likely to be started and its impact on natural ecosystem; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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**(a) to (d): Government has been closely monitoring the evolving situation in Maldives and keeping a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and shall take all necessary measures to safeguard it.**

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