

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-452
ANSWERED ON- 21/07/2023

SECURITY PACT WITH SOLOMON ISLANDS

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the steps taken by the Chinese Government for influencing the small South Pacific small island nations for setting up its bases to tighten its grip over the region;
- (b) whether Ministry has come across the fact that China is pushing security pacts with Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, etc. and the steps taken in view of the statement of President of Federation of States of Micronesia that China was trying to coerce countries in the region to toe its line one Taiwan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a to c) Government is aware of various developments pertaining to Pacific Island Countries (PICs).

India robustly engages with PICs as a part of its extended neighborhood in the Indo-Pacific region, including through the Forum for India-Pacific Island Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit first held in 2014. In order to further enhance cooperation, 12 collaborative projects were announced by Prime Minister at the Third Forum for India-Pacific Island Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit in May 2023, focusing on shared priorities and the needs of PICs.

The Government keeps a close watch on all developments with a bearing on India's security and interests and takes all necessary measures to safeguard the same.
