

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1602  
TO BE ANSWERED ON **27.11.2019**

**CHINESE SUBMARINE**

**†1602. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a Chinese submarine run on atomic energy stationed at Colombo International Container Terminal is a security threat for India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has raised its concern to Sri Lankan Government regarding presence of increasing Chinese forces in the area;
- (d) if so, the reaction of Sri Lankan Government in this regard; and
- (e) the corrective measures adopted/proposed by the Government immediately in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (e) There have been no recent reports of Chinese submarines docking at Sri Lankan ports.

Government keeps a close watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and economic interests, and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it. India and Sri Lanka share a strong and multi-faceted relationship and cooperate closely on various issues including defence and security aspects. India is confident about the strength and enduring nature of its bilateral ties with Sri Lanka.

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