

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.338**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021

**ANTI-ACCESS AREA DENIAL CAPABILITIES**

338. SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Anti-Access Area Denial capabilities to prevent any future build-up of Chinese forces in Tibet and neutralize any threat from Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by the Government in this direction;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to explore the option of converting the QUAD or the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue from a mere security dialogue to a security alliance followed by QUAD; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): Indian Army is conscious of the threats manifesting along our borders and all measures as deemed necessary are being taken to mitigate the same.

(c) & (d): Under QUAD framework, India has undertaken consultations with Australia, Japan and the United States of America on regional and global issues of common interest. The QUAD partners share a commitment towards a free, open, prosperous and inclusive Indo-Pacific region based on shared values and principles and respect for international law.

QUAD framework have provided a platform for exchange of views on regional and global issues of common interest. There is focus on practical cooperation in the areas of connectivity and infrastructure development, and counter-terrorism, cyber security, maritime security, humanitarian and disaster relief, with the objective of promoting peace, security, stability and prosperity in an increasingly inter-connected Indo-Pacific region.

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