

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022**

MARITIME COOPERATION WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

4880. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:
SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:

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

- (a) whether NSA-level talks of the Colombo Security Conclave concluded recently in Maldives;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has called for close cooperation among India's maritime neighbours to combat shared security challenges and if so, the response / assurance received in such meetings till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

(a) to (c) The 5th National Security Adviser level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave was held in Maldives on 09-10 March 2022. This conclave was attended by the respective National Security Advisers of India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Mauritius. Delegations from Bangladesh and Seychelles participated as observers.

In the meeting, key areas of cooperation to enhance and strengthen regional security were identified in the following five pillars:

- Maritime Safety and Security
- Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation
- Combating Trafficking and Transnational Organised Crime
- Cyber Security, Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

Government of India has called for close cooperation among India's maritime neighbours under the vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) to combat shared security challenges and the above mentioned outcome of the National Security Adviser level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave is in line with the same.
