GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.558 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2015

ONE BELT ONE ROAD PROJECT WITH CHINA

558. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is pushing hard for the One Belt One Road (OBOR) project and the maritime silk route that require multi-country co-operation;
- (b) if so, the response of the Indian Government thereto;
- (c) whether the said move by China without building consensus is likely to invite new problems;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and response thereto;
- (e) whether the Union Government has requested the international community to adopt a road map for greater and genuine consensus building on the matter; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of these countries thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) to (d) The Government of India is aware of the Chinese initiatives of the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. This initiative has earlier been called 'One Road One Belt'. Government has seen recent reports where the initiative has been renamed as 'Belt and Road Initiative'. There have been reports that China has established a US\$ 40 billion Silk Road Fund to finance projects under this initiative. China has entered into MoUs with some countries to obtain their endorsement for this initiative. It has also sought support from various countries for this initiative during the visits of its leadership.
- (e) No. This is a Chinese initiative.
- (f) Does not arise
