

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1393**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY, 2016/VAISAKHA 13, 1938 (SAKA)**

**INDO-MALDIVES TALKS ON TERRORISM**

**1393. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA :**

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

**(a) whether Maldives is holding talks with India for setting up a bilateral counterterrorism mechanism amid concerns over militant groups like Islamic State attempting to radicalise the citizens of the archipelago nation; and**

**(b) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)**

**(a) to (b): During the recent visit of the President of Maldives to India on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, the Government of Maldives highlighted the need for capacity building in view of their concerns on counter terrorism. Both sides reiterated their commitment to coordinate efforts to counter terrorism and radicalization and enhance cooperation in counter terrorism operations, intelligence sharing and capacity building. Besides a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Combating International Terrorism, Illicit Drug Trafficking and Enhancing Bilateral Cooperation in Capacity Building, Disaster Management and Coastal Security was signed between India and Maldives on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.**

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