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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2088
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2015

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2088. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maldives-India Joint Commission meeting was held recently to discuss matters of mutual interest, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Indian private companies are going to invest in Maldives for which Maldives have asked for and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The fifth meeting of the India-Maldives Joint Commission co-chaired by the External Affairs Minister with her Maldivian counterpart, was held on October 11, 2015. The Joint Commission was set up under the 1986 Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation and first met in Male in 1990.

In their discussions during the Joint Commission meeting, EAM and the Maldivian Foreign Minister acknowledged the Joint Commission as an important mechanism to monitor, review progress and provide guidance for the cooperative programmes between the two countries.

(b) Both countries acknowledged the positive impact of building partnerships and increasing interactions within the business communities of Maldives and India. The Maldivian side reiterated its interest to engage with private investors in India. The Maldivian side proposed to hold the next edition of the

Maldives Investment Forum in India in 2016. The Joint Commission proposed establishment of a Joint Business Forum, which is to be taken forward by Ministry of Commerce and Industry with their Maldivian counterpart.



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