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QUESTION NO.2931 AGREEMENT WITH MALDIVES

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2931
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2016

AGREEMENT WITH MALDIVES

2931. SHRI RAYAPATI SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has entered into any pact or agreement with Maldives recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Maldives entering a pact with China or US would challenge India's strategic interests; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) & (b) Yes. During the visit of the President of Maldives H.E. Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom to India on April 11, 2016, the following 6 documents were signed:

- i. Agreement for Avoidance of Double Taxation of Income derived from International Air Transport
- ii. Agreement for the Exchange of Information with respect to Taxes
- iii. MoU for Cooperation in the area of conservation and restoration of ancient mosques and joint

research and exploratory surveys in Maldives

iv. MoU on Cooperation in the field of Tourism

v. Bilateral Agreement related to Orbit Frequency Coordination of "South Asia Satellite" proposed at 480E

vi. Action Plan for Defence Cooperation

(c) & (d) India's relations with Maldives are long standing and based on mutual interest. In furthering these ties, Government remains alert to developments having a bearing on India's interests and takes all measures necessary.



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