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QUESTION NO.1449 CRISIS IN MALDIVES

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RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1449 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

CRISIS IN MALDIVES

1449. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has opted not to indulge in gunboat diplomacy over the recent crisis in Maldives but to wait for the crisis to abate to its advantages;
- (b) whether Male's closeness to China and the socio-political clout of Islamic radicals in Male can jeopardize India interests in the region; and
- (c) whether United States is also holding similar assessment over the Male crisis?

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

(a) Government has been closely monitoring the evolving situation in Maldives. As a close and friendly neighbour, India wishes to see a stable, peaceful and prosperous Maldives that meet the aspirations of the Maldivian people. We have urged the Government of Maldives to revoke the State of Emergency and return to the path of democracy and rule of law, where all democratic institutions are allowed to function in a fair and transparent manner in accordance with the Constitution.

- (b) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
- (c) We are in close contact with our key partners including the United States on the recent developments in Maldives.



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