

has come to Government's notice that some students have nevertheless returned to the affected regions.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Indian Mission in Kiev has issued several advisories and made relentless efforts to establish contact with these students to urge them to move out of these areas. The Embassy has extended necessary assistance to all those students who have sought help in this regard.

Chinese submarines docked in Karachi

369. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese submarines have docked in Karachi in May, 2015, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Chinese Navy is expanding its presence in Indian Ocean near Colombo and in Arabian Sea;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken up the matter with Chinese Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH] : (a) Government is aware that One Chinese PLA Navy Submarine Support Vessel and one Yuan Class PLA Navy Submarine entered Karachi Port on 23 May 2015 and left on 29 May for deployment in Gulf of Aden.

(b) A conventional (diesel-powered) Chinese submarine berthed at Colombo Port from 7-13 September, 2014 and 31 October – 6 November, 2014.

(c) and (d) During the meetings with the Chinese side, various issues of mutual interest and concern are discussed. Chinese side has emphasized on several occasions the policy of attaching priority to the development of good-neighbourly and friendly bilateral relations with India. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.