

and Innovation of the Kingdom of Sweden on cooperation in the field of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

- (iii) Agreement on Exemption from Visa requirements for holders of diplomatic passport.
- (iv) Letter of Intent between Earth System Science Organisation (ESSO), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India and the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat (SPRS) on Mutual Collaboration in Polar and Ocean Research .
- (v) Memorandum of Intent between the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Swedish Research Council for Health Working Life and Welfare (FORTE).
- (vi) Memorandum of Intent between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) of the Republic of India and the Swedish Medical Products Agency (MPA).

Chinese comment on Indian Ocean

†371. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ:

SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has given any ultimatum to India that India should not consider Indian Ocean as it own;
- (b) if so, whether Government has held any meeting with China in this regard; and
- (c) the proceedings of the meeting held between the two nations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH] : (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Biometric details for visa

372. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has rolled out a project which ensures collection of applicant's biometric details before any kind of visa is issued;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.