

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DABOLIM AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Dabolim Airport in Goa and the area around it is owned by the Indian Navy;
- (b) if so, the exact extent of the area owned by the Indian Navy; and
- (c) the date on which the land was acquired by the Indian Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The extent of area owned by the Indian Navy is around 1781 acres.
- (c) Dabolim Airport was handed over to Indian Navy in 1962 after the liberation of Goa in 1961. Subsequently, additional land was acquired in 1972 and 1992 for expansion of naval facilities including extension of runway.