

Abstract

The revival of the Maritime silk Route by China has already made many Security Concerns over the regional powers of the IOR as well as the extra regional powers like USA. The Hambantota harbor which was built solely from the funding by china is considered as a part of "String of Pearls" which encircle the India strategically from the south also a major security concern of India.

After the Humiliating defeat of LTTE in 2009 after thirty years of bloody war Sri Lanka lost her wealth and development opportunities considerably and with the changes of socio – political aspects and eager to achieve her development goals Sri Lanka with its geography in favor of economy and geo- strategic location invites higher level of concerns of the regional and global economic powers. With the strategic power rivalry between India and China in the region Sri Lanka has faced many consequences. However to achieve her development goals Sri Lanka needs to maintain an equilibrium in foreign policy. Both the countries have supported and stood on behalf of the country when there were circumstances, China has given her whole hearted support to win the terrorism by providing all the equipments and other needed funds whilst India controlling the international pressure on the Sri Lankan government.

Being a developing nation Sri Lanka needs to correctly identify the strategic environment of the regional powers as well as the IOR. Hence to achieve her development goals Sri Lanka needs to maintain a well-balanced foreign policy accommodating India and China as well as the extra regional power: USA. During this paper writer intends to find out the growing socio- politico and geo- strategic concerns of the India, China and the USA in the Indian Ocean Region and impact of those on Sri Lanka and also expected to elaborate and discuss about the findings derived from the study at the conclusion.

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