

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5390
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TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND INDIA
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have decided to establish a road link between India and China through Myanmar for trade and commerce; (

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether some objectives are proposed to be achieved from the above decision; and (

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d): At present, trade with China is taking place through Lipulekh Pass(Uttar Pradesh) and Shipkila Pass (Himachal Pradesh). As regards the road from Calcutta via Guwahati connecting the Still Well road linking Central Myanmar and China, the possibility of opening additional points for border trade has been discussed with the Government of Myanmar. While the Myanmar Government agree in principle to opening of additional border points, they would like to first ensure the smooth functioning of the existing border trade at Moreh-Tamu sector on the Indo-Myanmar border before taking any further decision in this respect.