

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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TALKS BETWEEN INDO-CHINA ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any talks are going on between India and China regarding outstanding issues between the two countries; and
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b): We remain committed to the process of dialogue to resolve all outstanding issues with China. There is an on-going dialogue with China at various levels. The Foreign Office Consultations with China were held in Beijing on February 25-26, 1999. The 11th meeting of the Joint Working Group on the Boundary Question was held in Beijing on April 26-27, 1999. The 7th meeting of the Expert Group of Diplomatic and Military Officials was held in New Delhi on November 24, 1999. I visited China on June 14-15, 1999 and subsequently met the Chinese Foreign Minister in Singapore on July 25, 1999. There was agreement on promoting CBMs, having a security dialogue, expanding economic and trade relations and jointly celebrating the forthcoming 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations (April 1, 2000). Our Minister of Commerce and Industry visited China for the Sixth Meeting of the India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations and Trade, Science and Technology, held in Beijing on February 21-22, 2000. During the meeting the two sides agreed on measures to enhance bilateral trade.