

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1050
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Chief Secretary of Sikkim issued a firm statement on the 17th Karmapa Rinpoche, who escaped to India in January, 2000 from Tibet, has Indian origin;
- (b) if so, whether the Chief Secretary has made this Statement with the approval of the Government of Sikkim or the Union Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in the matter which is sensitive and affects the Indo-China relations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a): Government are not aware of any such statement made by the Chief Secretary of Sikkim.
- (b) - (d): The question does not arise.