

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1166
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FOREIGN SECRETARY S VISITS TO BORDERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take its foreign policy to the borders as reported in The Times of India dated January 04, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian Foreign Secretary recently visited border areas of the various States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the outcome of the visits made?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) - (d): Foreign Secretary visited border areas of the States of Arunachal Pradesh in November 2004 and Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal in November 2005. The visits were undertaken in the context of improvement of infrastructure, border trade and other issues related to our border areas.