

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE PROTEST OVER PM S VISIT TO ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chinese Government has lodged any protest over the Indian Prime Minister's visit to Arunachal Pradesh recently;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government of China considers Arunachal Pradesh as their part;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken up/proposes to take up the issue with the Chinese Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(e) China has raised the matter of Prime Minister's visit to Arunachal Pradesh with Government. The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India has been conveyed to the Chinese side. China disputes the international boundary between India and China and illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The Special Representatives of India and China are discussing a framework for settlement of the boundary question that is fair, reasonable, mutually acceptable, and based on the Agreement on Guiding Principles and Political Parameters signed in April 2005.