

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE ASSERTIVENESS OVER INDIA  
Jindal Shri Naveen

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been an increased assertiveness by China over India of late;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any new diplomatic initiatives are being taken by the Government to counter this; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (d) India and China are both major developing countries of Asia and as Prime Minister has said on various occasions there is enough space for both the countries to develop together. India and China have established a Strategic and Cooperative Partnership for Peace and Prosperity. There are regular high-level political contacts between the two countries. The two sides have established a dialogue architecture at all levels to discuss the entire gamut of bilateral relations. Despite the global financial crisis, bilateral trade between the two countries reached \$43.27 billion in 2009. During the visit of Commerce and Industry Minister to China in January 2010, the two sides signed a MoU on Expansion of Trade and Economic Cooperation. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.