

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-CHINA HOTLINE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and China have signed a pact recently for establishing a hotline service between New Delhi and Beijing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other countries with whom India has hotline services?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): During the visit of the External Affairs Minister to China from 5 to 8 April 2010, the two countries signed the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Establishment of the Direct Secure Telephone Link between the Prime Minister of India and the Chinese Premier.

(c): A hotline between Prime Minister of India and President of Russia is currently operational.