

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONCENTRATION OF CHINESE MILITARY AND ARTILLERY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is concentrating its military and artillery along its Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh borders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government pays close attention to China's military modernization program, including the development of rail, road and airport facilities in the border regions opposite India in Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions. Since 1993, the two Governments have agreed to maintain peace and tranquility along the LAC in the India-China border areas. The two sides have reiterated their commitment to this goal on many occasions. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.