

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO- CHINA BILATERAL TIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the bilateral ties between India and China have been strengthened in recent times;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the effective measures being undertaken by the Government to establish trust between the two countries ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) 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 Commerce and Industry Minister visited China on 18-19 January 2010, during which the two sides signed a MoU on Expansion of Trade and Economic Cooperation. External Affairs Minister visited China from 5-8 April 2010 and signed an Inter-Governmental 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. President of India had a successful State visit to China from 26-31 May 2010. The Vice Premier of China visited India in March 2010. The two sides have established a dialogue architecture at all levels to discuss the entire range of bilateral relations, including economic, commercial and defence ties.