

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINA'S RAIL SERVICE TO NEPAL BORDER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is contemplating to introduce train service upto Nepal border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is likely to have any impact on the security scenario of India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Government has seen reports that China is planning to extend the Qinghai-Tibet Railway line, to connect Lhasa with Khasha on the China-Nepal Border. Government is giving careful and special attention to the development of infrastructure in the border areas opposite China, in order to meet our strategic and security requirements and also to facilitate the economic development of these areas.