

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE RAIL LINK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China has been constructing rail links right up to Arunachal Pradesh border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Union Government to safeguard Indian interest and its border?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Government is aware that China is developing rail links in the border regions opposite India in Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions, including the proposed extension of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway line upto Nyingchi. 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. This includes the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.