

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3564
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CHINESE ROAD TO MOUNT EVEREST
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the construction of 108 km long road by China upto the Mount Everest Base Camp;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has decided to register its protest with a view to security threat due to the construction of the proposed road;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has raised the issue with China at the time of bilateral dialogue; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) Government is aware that China is developing the infrastructure in the border regions opposite India in Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions, including the construction of a road to Mount Everest Base Camp. 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. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.