

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN BORDER AREAS

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken note of various infrastructural/ development works including railway network on Indo-China border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether expansion of Tibet railways network to Chumbi Valley which is next to Sikkim and Siliguri corridor is likely to pose a threat to the security of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) Government is aware that China is developing the infrastructure in the border regions opposite India in the Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions. This includes the Qinghai-Tibet Railway line, with proposed extension upto Xigaze and Nyingchi, and development of road and airport facilities. 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.