

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2175
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INFILTRATION BY CHINA INTO INDIAN BORDERS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chinese infiltrations into the Indian borders are continually rising;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the media is not getting reports of the infiltrations due to an unofficial gag order on the Indian Press by the Government on reporting on the situation at the Himalayan border;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the action being taken by the Government to check such infiltrations;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to give more freedom and encouragement to the media to report the situation at the Himalayan border; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (g) China disputes the International Boundary between India and China. There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) between the two countries. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings and diplomatic channels. There has been no change in this regard. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it. There are no specific restrictions on Indian press in this regard.