

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HOT LINE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries with which India has established Hot Line at the level of PMO;
- (b) the countries with which Hot Line has been agreed upon but yet to be commenced and the reasons for delay;
- (c) whether non-availability of such as facility has hampered relations with these countries especially China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Telephone hotlines have been established between Prime Minister and the President of Russia and the Premier of the State Council of China. During the visit of the External Affairs Minister to China from 5-8 April 2010, India and China signed the Agreement on the Establishment of the Direct Secure Telephone Link between the Prime Minister of India and the Chinese Premier. The telephone hotline is in an advanced stage of being operationalised. India and China have maintained a healthy momentum of high level exchanges. The President met with Chinese President Hu Jintao and other state leaders of China during her visit to China in May 2010. The Chinese Premier had a successful visit to India in December 2010. Prime Minister met President Hu on 13 April 2011 in Sanya, China on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit and Premier Wen on 18 November 2011 in Bali on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit.