

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4434  
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CHINESE CLAIM ON ISLANDS  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether China has claimed its control over the South China Sea and the nearby Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has raised any objections in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) Sovereignty over areas of the South China Sea (SCS) is disputed between many countries in the region, including China. India is not a party to this dispute. Government's position is that sovereignty issues in the SCS must be resolved peacefully by the countries which are parties to the dispute in accordance with international law and practice.