

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:27  
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2012  
RESOLUTION OF ISSUES WITH CHINA  
Devi Aswamedh;Ramkishun Shri

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

- (a) whether China has raised objections to the visit by the Indian Defence Minister to Arunachal Pradesh for participating in the silver jubilee celebrations in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether India has taken adequate steps to maintain peace and tranquility in the border States and impress upon China to resolve contentious issues bilaterally; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.27 REGARDING 'RESOLUTION OF ISSUES WITH CHINA' FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2012

- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 25 February 2012, the Chinese Foreign Office Spokesperson made a statement that the Chinese position on the disputed eastern sector of the India-China boundary has been consistent and that pending a final resolution, India and China should not take any action in the disputed area that could complicate the problem. India's position that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side.

(c) & (d) India and China have reiterated, on many occasions, their commitment to maintaining peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China border areas, pending a final settlement of the Boundary Question and have put in place various Confidence Building Measures to this end. These include Special Representative (SR) Talks, the Joint Working Group, the Expert Group, border personnel meetings, flag meetings and discussions through diplomatic channels. Recently during the 15th SR Talks the two sides established a Working Mechanism on Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs as an additional confidence building measure. Its first meeting was successfully held in Beijing on 5-6 March 2012.