

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONTROL OVER AN ISLAND OF EAST CHINA SEA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the dispute regarding the control over island of East China Sea between China and Japan is likely to affect the interests of India;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any diplomatic steps to get this dispute between the neighbouring countries solved; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The East China Sea dispute is a bilateral issue between China and Japan. India is not a party to this dispute. Government's position is that sovereignty issues must be resolved peacefully by the countries which are parties to the dispute.