

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE SUPPORT TO INSURGENTS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that China is providing tacit support to insurgent groups in North-Eastern States in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that a claim in this regard has been rejected by China saying that it was inconsistent with facts;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to give material evidence to China in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels. The Chinese Government has conveyed that it would never support armed groups that are against the Government of India. The Chinese Foreign Ministry has stated that the Chinese Government always adheres to the principle of non-interference in other countries' internal affairs and they do not support any anti-government forces in India. India and China have an annual Counter-Terrorism Dialogue under which the two sides discuss all such issues. The fifth round of this Dialogue was held on 1 March 2012 at New Delhi. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.