

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINA IN ARUNACHAL

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether numerous instances of violation of line of actual control by China and crossing over of its troops into Indian territory particularly in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the repaving of the Xinjiang-Tibet National Highway by China which runs through the disputed Aksai Chin region;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken up the above issues with Chinese Government at the highest level; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the response of China thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) China disputes the International Boundary between India and China. There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Such issues are discussed between the Governments of India and China.

(c) – (f) Government is aware that China is developing the infrastructure in the border regions opposite India in Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions. This includes the Qinghai-Tibet Railway line, with proposed extension upto Xigaze and Nyingchi, and development of road and airport facilities. Government is giving careful and special attention to the development of infrastructure in the border areas opposite China, in order to meet our strategic and security requirements and also to facilitate the economic development of these areas. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.