## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware of an art show depicting certain happenings/incidents in India on anvil in certain art galleries in China recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the request made by the Government of India to their Chinese counterpart in this regard; and
- (c) the response of the Chinese authorities thereto;

## **Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Ullens Center for Contemporary Art (UCCA), a private art gallery in Beijing, China recently hosted a contemporary Indian art exhibition 'Indian Highway'. Some of the exhibits which cast aspersions on India's democracy and on our armed forces were found inappropriate. A request from the Embassy of India in Beijing to withdraw these inappropriate exhibits was acceded to by the private art gallery.