

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRIME MINISTER S VISIT TO ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has raised any objection to the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) Yes.

(b) China disputes the international boundary between India and China and illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

(c) The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India and that it is well established practice in our democratic system that our leaders visit States where elections to Parliament and to the State Assemblies are taking place has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side.