

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PM S VISIT TO CHINA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Prime Minister's recent visit to China;
- (b) the agreements signed during the said visit including the details of the Border Defence Cooperation agreement signed between the two countries;
- (c) the perceived advantages of the said agreement on settling border disputes/defence cooperation;
- (d) whether issues pertaining to construction of dams/roads in the border, stapled visas to the people of Arunachal Pradesh, infiltration at the border, etc. have figured in the discussion;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Prime Minister paid an official visit to China from 22-24 October 2013. PM's discussion with Chinese Premier Mr. Li Keqiang and other Chinese leaders on bilateral, regional and international issues covered subjects including trade & investment, development, trans- border rivers, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. Both leaders encouraged the Special Representatives to continue their efforts towards exploring a framework of settlement of the India-China boundary question. The Agreements and MOUs signed during this visit included road transport sector, trans-border rivers, power equipment, cultural exchanges, Nalanda University and sister-city linkages. Both countries also signed a Border Defence Cooperation Agreement during this visit. The Agreement strengthens maintenance of stability on the border and adds to existing instruments to ensure peace and stability on our borders. The text of these Agreements, including Border Defence Cooperation Agreement, is in the public domain on the website of this Ministry.