

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:219

ANSWERED ON:05.02.2014

CHINESE PROJECTS IN INDIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

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

(a) whether China is undertaking developmental projects in our neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to counter the Chinese influence in our neighbourhood, particularly in Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan keeping national security in view; and

(d) if so, the detailed strategy adopted by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 219 REGARDING "CHINESE PROJECTS IN INDIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD" FOR ANSWER ON 05.02.2014

(a) to (d) Government is aware that China is involved in the construction of or assistance to infrastructure projects in our neighborhood including in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar; hydroelectric and IT projects in Nepal; IT and housing construction projects in Maldives; hydroelectric & nuclear projects, highways, motorways, export processing zones and economic corridors in Pakistan.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it. India is an active development partner of its neighbours and is involved in various projects in these countries. India's relations with other countries stand on their own footing and are independent of the relations of those countries with third countries.