GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3373 ANSWERED ON:12.02.2014 VISIT OF INDIA S HEAD OF STATE TO ARUNACHAL PRADESH Shekhar Shri Neeraj;Singh Shri Yashvir

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has expressed reservation on the visit of India's Head of State to Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The President of India visited Arunachal Pradesh on 29-30 November 2013. On 30 November 2013, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson said that China's position on the dispute in the eastern section of China-India border is consistent and clear-cut and added that India should refrain from taking actions that complicate the boundary question.
- (c) The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side on several occasions including at the highest level.