

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY NETWORK AT INDO-CHINA BORDER  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether China is extending its railways right upto the Myanmar border with a 350 kilometer line linked to the South East Asian Rail network and is simultaneously planning to extend its Tibet Railway to Nepal to facilitate easy movement along the Sino-India border;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c) According to reports China is developing a railway line from Dali to Ruili on the China-Myanmar Border. China is also planning to extend the Qinghai-Tibet Railway line, to connect Lhasa with Khasha on the China-Nepal Border. Government is giving careful and special attention to the development of infrastructure in the border areas opposite China, in order to meet our strategic and security requirements and also to facilitate the economic development of these areas.