

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2262  
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2009  
VISIT OF DALAI LAMA  
Namdhari Shri Inder Singh

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

- (a) whether China has lodged a protest to India for allowing Dalai Lama to visit Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Indian Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Chinese side expressed their concern on the visit of Dalai Lama to Arunachal Pradesh which they claim is a "disputed area". Government's clear and consistent position that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India and that Dalai Lama is free to visit any part of India has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side.