

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE RAILWAY TO ARUNACHAL PRADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Chinese has completed survey of Railway line from Lahasa to Bumla near Arunachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of India is contemplating to build roads and other infrastructure along the Indo-China Border; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Government is aware of the proposed extension of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway line from Lhasa to Nyingchi in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China. The Government is giving careful and special attention to the development of the infrastructure in the border areas opposite China, in order to meet our legitimate strategic and security requirements and also to facilitate the economic development of these areas. This includes the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.