

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1972  
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2014  
INDO MYANMAR BOUNDARY ISSUE  
Meinya Dr. Thokchom

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

- (a) whether any bilateral level talks have been held with Myanmar recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the boundary issue came up for discussion during the said talks; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K. SINGH)

(a) to (c) India and Myanmar share close and friendly relations, which are further strengthened by high level exchanges between the two countries. Official talks with Myanmar over the past months include meeting of the Prime Minister with Myanmar President Thein Sein on the margins of the BIMSTEC Summit in March 2014 at Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar; the Regional Border Committee (RBC) meeting held in January 2014 at Kalay, Myanmar; and Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) in July 2013 at Nay Pyi Taw.

Border management is an important aspect of India-Myanmar engagement. The need for enhanced cooperation between the two sides for securing peace, security and stability in the border areas has been underlined at the highest levels by both the countries. In this regard, India and Myanmar signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Border Cooperation on May 8, 2014, which aims to enhance cooperation between the two security agencies in ensuring peace, stability and security along the long international land and maritime border between the two countries.