

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Chines Railway Line to Indian Border

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that China is planning to lay a railway line upto Bihar border through Nepal and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the measures being taken by the government to safeguard security interest of the nation due to this infrastructural development in the border areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) Government is not aware of any specific proposals regarding railway line project from China to Indian border through Nepal.

(b) Government takes a comprehensive view on development of border areas and to that effect has initiated several infrastructure projects to improve livelihood, advance connectivity and promote a sense of security among our border population along India's borders including the Border Area Development Programme (BADP). Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.