

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:72

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INDIA -CHINA DIALOGUE

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has initiated dialogue with China on the India-China border dispute recently as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated January 10, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether talks have been held in regard to India's claim for permanent membership in the Security Council during the recent Foreign Secretary visit to China;
- (d) if so, whether China has supported India's claim for the same;
- (e) if so, the details of talks held;
- (f) whether China has created extensive transportation facilities along the India-China border;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (h) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to resolve the various issues with China?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a)-(h) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement to be Laid on the Table of the House With Respect to Parts (a)-(h) of the Lok Sabha Starred Q. No. 72

(a)-(b) The Second Round of India-China Strategic Dialogue was held in Beijing on January 9-10, 2006 between Foreign Secretary and the Chinese Vice Foreign Minister. During the talks, the two sides discussed bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest, and briefed each other about their respective foreign and security policies. There was also an exchange of views on outstanding issues, including the boundary question.

The Special Representatives of the two countries on the boundary question continue to explore the framework of a boundary settlement, proceeding from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d)-(e) The Chinese side reiterated the assurance given by the Chinese Premier H.E. Mr. Wen Jiabao when he visited India in April 2005 that China understands and supports India's desire to play a bigger role in the United Nations, including in the Security Council, and that China would be happy to see India succeed in its endeavour to become a Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The Chinese side also conveyed their support for greater representation of developing countries in the UNSC and noted India's credentials for permanent membership as a major developing country.

(f)-(g) Government are aware of the fact that China has developed its road transport network in Tibet, including in the India-China border areas. Government attach importance to development of infrastructure in India's border areas. Our infrastructure development plans for the border areas are in place and the same are reviewed from time to time.

(h) Government are committed to the resolution of all outstanding issues with China through peaceful dialogue. The two countries have instituted an elaborate dialogue architecture for regular exchange of views on issues of mutual concern in a friendly and candid manner.