

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:47
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TRAIN SERVICE TO NEPAL BORDER BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is considering to run a train service up to Nepal Border;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this is likely to have any impact on the security scenario of India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b) Government has seen reports in the Chinese media suggesting that there are plans to extend the Qinghai-Tibet railway to the border between China and Nepal.
- (c)-(e) Government is constantly vigilant about all developments on India's periphery.