

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION BY CHINA ACROSS THE LINE OF ACTUAL CONTROL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the massive upgradation and construction of infrastructure across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) by China on their side;
- (b) if so, the details of the development and construction; and
- (c) the steps taken for augmentation of parallel matching infrastructure on Indian side of LAC?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) Government are aware of infrastructure being developed by China in Tibet. This includes the railway line from Golmud in Qinghai province to Lhasa that was formally opened on July 1, 2006. Chinese media reports have stated that the Qinghai-Tibet railway is expected to be extended from Lhasa to Xigaze. There are also reports that the Chinese side is upgrading their oil pipeline to the Tibet Autonomous Region.

Government keep a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.