

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2939
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External Affairs Minister's Visit Abroad
Singh Dr. Bhola

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Minister of External Affairs has recently paid visits to several foreign countries and held discussions with several leaders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the discussions held;
- (c) whether the Government has also discussed the matter of Chinese intrusion in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Chinese Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) External Affairs Minister has not visited any foreign country recently. However, she has met the Foreign Ministers of Oman, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Gabon, Vietnam, Nepal, Yemen, Australia, Iraq and Somalia in India recently and held discussions with them.

(c) & (d) There is no commonly delineated Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas between India and China. From time to time, on account of differences in the perception of the LAC, situations have arisen on the ground that could have been avoided if we had a common perception of the LAC. Government regularly takes up any transgression along the LAC with the Chinese side through established mechanisms including border personnel meetings, flag meetings, meetings of Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India- China Border Affairs and diplomatic channels. The two sides agree that peace and tranquility on the border is the basis for the continued expansion of India-China relations.