

(*Interruption*)

MR. SPEAKER : It is a State subject, I cannot handle it...

(*Interruptions*)**

MR. SPEAKER : Without my permission whatever he says should not be recorded. My permission is first sought.

DR. DATTA SAMANT : I have asked for the permission.

MR. SPEAKER : I have not given you that permission, Mr. Datta Samant

(*Interruptions*)**

MR. SPEAKER: It is all right, I have not allowed you.

STATEMENT *RE* : RECENT CHINESE
INTRUSION INTO INDIAN
TERRITORY

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : Hon'ble Members are by now aware of the Chinese intrusion in the Sumdorong Chu valley area of Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh. In mid-June 1986, It was learnt that about 40 Chinese personnel, some in uniform, had intruded approximately 2-3 Kms as the crow flies into the area of the Sumdorong Chu valley, when our graziers had been going peacefully without any interference. After verification of the intrusion, we protested strongly to the Chinese Government on 26th June, 1986. We stressed that the area of the Sumdorong Chu valley is clearly South of the the McMahon Line and well within Indian territory. We rejected the Chinese response received on 8th July, 1986 that this was a disputed area and on their side of the McMahon Line. As the Hon'ble Members are aware, the McMahon Line constitutes the

international boundary in this sector. The Chinese have conveyed that the matter could be discussed "intensively" at the forthcoming 7th Round of official Level Talks in Beijing. We propose to do so.

In our Official Level Talks with the Chinese, which commenced in 1981, both sides had accepted the principle that peace and tranquility should be maintained along the border and that any problem that arose should be solved through friendly consultations. With both sides having accepted this principle, we on our part have consistently endeavoured to settle such problems through discussions. We are, therefore, surprised that the Chinese should have intruded into our territory in this manner. I would like to inform the Hon'ble Members that we are keeping a close watch on the situation. We are conscious of the concern of the Hon'ble Members on this issue and shall take the House into confidence whenever such an occasion arises.

The 7th Round of official Level Talks are due to begin from 21st July, 1986 in Beijing. Our delegation is being led by the Foreign Secretary who will be meeting the Acting Premier Wan Li as well as the Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian in Beijing. The Foreign Secretary, in his meetings with them, will be taking up the issue of intrusion in the Sumdorong Chu area.

SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN (Badagara): There must be a discussion. This is a very important matter. The House should be fully informed. about it and there should be a discussion on it.

MR. SPEAKER : We shall be doing it. We have already decided it. We shall discuss it.

SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS (Mavelikar): There should be a discussion on this subject.

MR. SPEAKER : We shall be having some sort of a discussion on this.