

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**CHINESE MILITARY ON INDIAN BORDERS .**

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Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that China is concentrating its military and artillery along its Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh borders;
- (b) if so, the provocation therefor;
- (c) what transpired during the last round of talks with China on border issue; and
- (d) by when an amicable solution is expected?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) & (b) China has been developing its infrastructure in the border regions opposite the Indian states of Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. According to the White Papers on National Defence issued by China in 2006 and 2008, such development is for safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity and for maintaining security and stability in border areas. The White Papers also state that China pursues a good neighbourly policy and works to enhance friendship and partnership with all its neighbours.

(c) & (d) The 13th round of India-China Special Representatives Talks on the Boundary Question was held in New Delhi on 7-8 August, 2009. The Special Representatives continued their discussions on a framework for the boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of India-China Boundary Question. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the progress being made through this mechanism and agreed to continue their discussions.