

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1617**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018**

**PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA**

1617. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that relationship between Asia's two giants India and China has seen so many ups and downs during the past seven decades;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to evolve close development partnerships between the two countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) India's engagement with China is multifaceted. In areas where we have commonality of views, engagement has expanded and upgraded in recent years. Issues where there are differences are being handled through dialogue to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution based on mutual respect and sensitivity to each other's interests, concerns and aspirations.

Both sides share a view that India-China bilateral relationship is poised to play a defining role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in Asia and in the world. During the visit of President of the People's Republic of China Mr. Xi Jinping to India in September 2014, the two sides forged a Closer Developmental Partnership, which was further consolidated during the visits of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to China in May 2015 and April 2018. Both sides have agreed to work towards strengthening the Closer Developmental Partnership for mutual benefit.

Accordingly, both sides have been working towards utilizing their bilateral dialogue mechanisms to promote mutually beneficial cooperation in a wide range of areas. Both sides agree that progress in bilateral relations should be guided by the consensus reached between their leaders that at a time of global uncertainty, India-China relations are a factor of stability, and that the two countries must not allow their differences to become disputes.

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