

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3278  
ANSWERED ON- 21/08/2025

**DALAI LAMA'S SUCCESSION**

3278. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has openly backed Dalai Lama's right to decide on his own succession;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Chinese Government has sent out a strong statement in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) Government has seen a statement regarding the institution of Dalai Lama issued by His Holiness the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama on 02 July 2025.

Government of India does not take any position on matters concerning beliefs and practices of faith and religion.

Government has always upheld freedom of religion for all in India and will continue to do so.

Government's position has also been conveyed to the Chinese Side.

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