

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2059
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018

CHINESE ACTIVITIES IN DOKLAM

2059. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:
SHRI BHAIROON PRASAD MISHRA:
SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:
SHRI LALLU SINGH:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:
SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has again increased its activities in Doklam region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of the action plan to deal with this situation;
- (d) whether the Chinese road-workers intruded into the State of Arunachal Pradesh with road laying equipment and attempted to lay a road in the Indian Territory prompting the Indian troops to seize the equipment whereupon the Chinese desisted; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Since the disengagement of Indian and Chinese border personnel in the Doklam area on 28 August 2017, there have been no new developments at the face-off site and its vicinity. The status quo prevails in this area.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

(d) & (e) On 28 December 2017, an Indian Army patrol observed three civilians believed to be Chinese nationals, carrying out track construction in the Shiyung La area in Upper Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh, approximately one kilometer on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The three civilians returned to the Chinese side of the LAC on seeing the Indian Army patrol. As per the agreed modalities, a Flag Meeting was arranged to discuss the intrusion. The Chinese side admitted that the three civilians had crossed over the LAC and agreed to withdraw their equipment immediately.

Government regularly takes up such transgressions 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, as well as through diplomatic channels.
