

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5022
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019

VISIT OF PRESIDENT

5022. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the President of India has visited Arunachal Pradesh in November to address Arunachal Assembly;
- (b) if so, whether China has objected to the President's visit to Arunachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a serious note of China's objection and given a befitting reply to Chinese Authority making it clear that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of India and does not allow any neighbouring or foreign country to interfere in such matters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) Yes. Hon'ble President of India visited Arunachal Pradesh and addressed legislators at a special session of the Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly in Itanagar on 19 November 2017.

(b) to (d) China had made critical statements on this visit. Government of India had rejected such statements and conveyed to the Chinese side that the state of Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India and Indian leaders visit Arunachal Pradesh as and when they wish, just as they visit other parts of India.
