

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3676
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

INDO-CHINA RELATION

†3676. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indo-China relations are being affected due to violation of negotiations made in the past by China and unfruitful efforts to cross the line of actual control again and again;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether due to increasing political and economic power of both the countries, the effect of Indo-China relations is likely to influence not only both the countries but also the whole world;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether India will adopt any such scheme or policy so that China should respect the long term relations of both the countries by mutual respect and sensitivity including honoring the line of actual control; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (f) India's engagement with China is complex. The two sides agree that the future direction of India China relations should be built upon respecting each other's sensitivities, concerns and aspirations. The two sides have also agreed to manage their differences and not allow differences on any issue to become disputes.

As regards the boundary question, the two sides agree that pending final settlement of the boundary question, maintenance of peace and tranquility in the border areas is an essential basis for the overall development of the bilateral relationship.

Since April/May 2020 the Chinese side undertook several attempts to unilaterally alter the status quo along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Western Sector. These attempts have been responded to appropriately by our armed forces. It has been made clear to the Chinese side that such unilateral attempts are unacceptable. These actions have seriously disturbed the peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector.

The two sides have maintained communication through both diplomatic and military channels to ensure complete disengagement from all friction points and full restoration of peace and tranquility in the India-China Border Areas. The two sides were able to reach an agreement on disengagement in the North and South Bank of the Pangong Lake, which has been completed. There are however still some outstanding issues with regard to deployment and patrolling at some other points along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.

Government will continue discussions with the Chinese side to resolve the remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh and achieve the objective of disengagement from all friction points and restoration of peace and tranquillity in the India-China Border Areas at an early date.
