GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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LOK SABHA

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DISENGAGEMENT ALONG LAC BETWEEN INDO-CHINA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the disengagement along the LAC between India and China has been in effect for the last nine months, while de-escalation remains pending, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a new roadmap has been formulated for achieving deescalation, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any bilateral talks have been held recently between India and China, if so, the details of the issues on which both sides have a consensus and the total number of bilateral talks held over the last three years;
- (d) whether the presence of the forces amassed along the LAC since 2020 continues to be maintained, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has raised the issues of restrictive trade measures and restrictions on the export of critical minerals by China, if so, the details of response of resolution has been achieved?

ANSWER

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

(a to e) India and China reached an agreement on patrolling arrangements along the Line of Actual Control in India-China border areas in Depsang and Demchok on 21 October 2024, leading to disengagement. The agreement has since been effected and implemented as per modalities and timelines agreed. The terms of the disengagement agreements reached prior to 21 October 2024 continue to hold in relevant areas in Eastern Ladakh. India and China have discussed issues related to de-escalation at various levels including that of External Affairs Minister and Raksha Mantri.

Until October 2024, India and China remained engaged to resolve issues of disengagement along the LAC through the Working Mechanism for Cooperation and Coordination (WMCC) and Senior Highest Military Commanders meeting (SHMC) mechanism. Since the disengagement in 2024, besides mechanisms to address boundary-related issues such as

the India-China Special Representatives' Talks and the WMCC, both sides have held various other meetings to stabilize and rebuild ties, with priority on people-centric engagements including the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, direct flight connectivity, transborder rivers and carried out activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations. Since last year, meetings have been held between the Prime Minister, Raksha Mantri, External Affairs Minister, National Security Advisor, Foreign Secretary and their Chinese counterparts.

Issues related to restrictive trade measures and roadblocks to economic cooperation have been raised by External Affairs Minister and Foreign Secretary with their counterparts. Discussions on these matters have also been held at the working level.
