GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2265

ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2025

HARASSMENT OF INDIAN CITIZENS FROM ARUNACHAL PRADESH

2265. SHRI K E PRAKASH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-(a) whether the Government is aware of the recent reports concerning an Arunachal Pradesh-born Indian citizen being detained and allegedly harassed at Shanghai Airport over the mention of her place of birth, if so, the details thereof;

- (b) whether the Government has taken immediate diplomatic action with the People's Republic of China regarding this incident and formally protested any attempt to question the status of Arunachal Pradesh as an integral part of India, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures being implemented to ensure the safety and dignity of Indian citizens, particularly those from the Northeastern States, while travelling internationally and to address the recurring issue of differential treatment by certain foreign nations?

ANSWER

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

(a to c) The Government is aware of the incident where an Arunachal Pradesh-born Indian citizen was arbitrarily detained at Shanghai International Airport. The Indian citizen was holding a valid passport and was transiting through Shanghai International Airport for onward travel to Tokyo (Japan) via Seoul (South Korea).

The issue of the detention of the Indian citizen has been taken up strongly with the Chinese side in both New Delhi and Beijing. The government has also re-iterated its position to the Chinese side that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral & inalienable part of India and this is an indisputable fact.

The Government accords highest priority to the safety, security, and well-being of Indians abroad. Indian Mission and Posts remain vigilant and closely monitor any untoward incident affecting Indian nationals abroad. Such incidents are immediately taken up with the concerned authorities of the foreign country. Indian Missions/Posts abroad render all possible consular assistance to the Indian nationals, whenever required.
