

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 2726  
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2017**

**Protection of boundaries of Arunachal Pradesh**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

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(a) whether it is a fact that China has been claiming Arunachal Pradesh as their territory and has renamed some of the places in that States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any dialogue has taken place between the two countries in this regard to protect the boundaries of that State and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI M.J. AKBAR)

(a) & (b) China disputes the international boundary between India and China. In the Eastern Sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side on several occasions, including at the highest level.

Ministry of Civil Affairs of China had issued a so-called 'notification' on its website on 13 April 2017 assigning names to places in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Government of India has rejected China's move and made it clear that assigning invented names to places in the state does not alter the fact that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India.