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# QUESTION NO.3473 PROMOTING RELATIONS WITH CHINA

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**LOK SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3473**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

**PROMOTING RELATIONS WITH CHINA**

†3473. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to evolve new methods to promote relations between people of India and China and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any action in this regard till now;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**
**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**
**[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)**

(a) to (d) During the meetings between Prime Minister and the Chinese President in Wuhan (27-28 April) and Qingdao (9 June) earlier this year, the two leaders agreed that people-to-people exchanges were a significant part of India-China relations and that in order to achieve sustained progress in bilateral ties, it was important to build greater mutual understanding between the people of the two countries through cooperation and exchanges in diverse areas such as films, culture, yoga, sports, art, museums, traditional medicine etc. In this context, the two leaders agreed to establish a High-Level Mechanism for People-to-People Exchanges co-chaired by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries. The first meeting of the High-Level Mechanism is proposed to be held later this year.

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