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TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

BHUTAN CHINA NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF DOKLAM AREA

2249. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that China has been negotiating with Bhutan for occupying Doklam area in view of some other border areas with Bhutan under their control;

(b) if so, the information available with the Government in this regard;

(c) the likely impact of such dealing between China and Bhutan on India's safety and security;

(d) whether Government has taken any step to prevent such dealings between China and Bhutan; and

(e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

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

(a) to (e) Boundary negotiations between Bhutan and China are matters of discussion between those two countries. India's relations with other countries stand on their own footing and are independent of their relations with third countries.

India and Bhutan share unique and exemplary ties of friendship and cooperation. Our bilateral ties are built on shared values and interests, utmost trust, mutual respect and close understanding. Government of India is committed to nurturing and advancing its historically close and enduring ties of friendship with Bhutan for common prosperity of the two peoples.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's interests and security and takes all necessary measures to protect them.

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