

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.587
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020

CHINA'S STAND ON SIKKIM

587. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of recent reports in official media of China wherein China supports independent country for Sikkim;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard;
- (c) the extent to which the Gurkha land agitation is creating problems for Sikkim and the manner in which the Ministry is planning to address the same; and
- (d) the other problems that Sikkim is facing and the way in which Ministry is going to resolve them with the help of DoNER and other Ministries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

- (a) We are not aware of any such recent reports of China. It is a well known fact that Sikkim is a state of India and is an integral and inalienable part of India.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) As regards any problem faced by the Government of Sikkim, it coordinates with the relevant State Governments. The Ministry of Home Affairs also coordinates with the State Governments as required. As regards other issues that the State of Sikkim may face, coordination is undertaken with relevant Ministries of the Government of India, including Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) as appropriate.
