

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2098
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019

AGREEMENT WITH CHINA TO SPEED UP BOUNDARY TALKS

2098. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India and China have agreed to speed up boundary talks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that China has highlighted the need for regional cooperation and connectivity like Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) India and China have each appointed a Special Representative (SR) to explore the framework for a boundary settlement from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship. There have been twenty one meetings of SRs so far with the last meeting held in Chengdu on 24 November 2018. At the Wuhan Informal Summit in April 2018, the leaders of India and China expressed their support for the work of the Special Representatives and urged them to intensify their efforts to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement.

(c) & (d) Bangladesh, China, India and Myanmar have agreed to establish a Joint Study Group (JSG) on strengthening connectivity in the BCIM region for closer economic, trade, and people-to-people linkages through the development of a BCIM Economic Corridor (BCIM-EC). There have been three meetings of BCIM-EC JSG so far with the last meeting held in Kolkata on 24-25 April 2017.
