

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.07.2019

DISPUTES IN SOUTH CHINA SEA

2100. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is in agreement with the US or the Chinese stand regarding disputes in the South China Sea; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) India's position on South China Sea is consistent and has been articulated on several occasions in the past. India attaches importance to freedom of navigation, overflight and unimpeded lawful commerce in the international waters in accordance with international laws, notably the United Nations' Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982. India stands for the peaceful resolution of disputes, including through respect for legal and diplomatic processes, without resorting to the threat or use of force, and in accordance with international laws. India stands ready to work with international partners to maintain and promote peace, stability and development in the Indo-Pacific region.
