

Discussion on China during visit to Russia

†39. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that any discussion has been made with China in regards of border dispute during recent Russian visit by Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of discussions made between India and China for border dispute and the details of progress in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR): (a) and (b) Prime Minister had a bilateral meeting with Chinese President Hu Jintao on 15th June, 2009 on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and BRIC Summits at Yekaterinburg. The two leaders discussed the boundary question and agreed to move forward with the discussions between the Special Representatives of the two Prime Ministers on the boundary question in the spirit of peace, friendship and mutual respect in order to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement. They further agreed that pending the settlement of the boundary question, both sides would maintain peace and tranquility in the India-China border areas.

(c) During the visit of PM Vajpayee to China from 22 to 27 June, 2003, the two sides agreed to each appoint a Special Representative to explore from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship the framework for a boundary settlement. There have been twelve meetings of the Special Representatives so far. The first five meetings resulted in the signing of the **“Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question”** on April 11, 2005. Presently the two Special Representatives are exploring the framework for a final package settlement covering all sectors of the boundary. The thirteenth meeting of the Special Representatives is scheduled to be held in India on dates convenient to the two sides.

BRIC meeting in Russia

40. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister attended the Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) meeting in Russia this year;

(b) if so, the various mutual interest that were discussed and whether any agreement was reached or signed there; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to fulfil the agreement or are being taken in regard to the agreement reached there?

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