

- (b) whether the efforts of boycotting of Chinese products are included under this; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Government has seen media reports to such effect. The State of Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India. The Government of India is deeply committed to ensuring the welfare of its citizens across the length and breadth of our country, including Arunachal Pradesh.

Indo-Myanmar foreign policy

†332. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Indo-Myanmar foreign policy and the place of Myanmar among neighbouring countries of India in geographical, strategic and natural resources;
- (b) whether Myanmar likes to have more closeness with China; and
- (c) whether the military Government of Myanmar is not ready to follow the bilateral agreement between India-Myanmar signed in 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) Myanmar is an important neighbour of India with a land border with India of more than 1640 km. India-Myanmar relations have been traditionally close due to geographical proximity and shared history and culture. Myanmar is also the only ASEAN country which has a land border with India. India-Myanmar relations are multi-faceted and encompass a range of areas including security, cross border infrastructure projects, energy, oil and natural gas, power, IT, telecommunications, industry, education and training etc.

(b) India's relationship with Myanmar stands on its own and is not dependent on Myanmar's relations with any third country.

- (c) There is no indication of Myanmar not being ready to honour bilateral agreements.

Resumption of talks with Pakistan

†333. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to resume talks between India and Pakistan;
- (b) if so, Pakistan's reactions thereto; and
- (c) the issues decided for this talk?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan are scheduled to be held in New Delhi on February 25, 2010. The proposed talks will focus essentially on India's core concerns regarding terrorism.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.