

of the High Commission of India, Islamabad are subjected to intrusive surveillance including tailing, at times aggressively, by the intelligence and security personnel of the Government of Pakistan. This is taken up with the Government of Pakistan at various levels.

India-China border issues

379. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed to patch up border issues, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether this issue has come up for discussion during the Prime Minister's visit to China, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Chinese Government to the matter, the details of the resolutions made during the visit of PM to China and action plan envisaged in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH] : (a) to (c) During the recent visit of Prime Minister to the People's Republic of China, the discussions with Chinese leadership were comprehensive and substantive. Various issues of significance, including the India-China boundary question, were discussed in a frank and cordial manner. The two sides made a positive assessment of the important progress made through the mechanism of Special Representatives.

The two sides have agreed to appoint a Special Representative (SR) to explore the framework for a boundary settlement from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship. 18 rounds of SR talks have been held till date.

India and China are committed to resolving bilateral issues through dialogue and peaceful negotiations and in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner.

Help to earthquake-stricken Nepal

380. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India has extended any help to the earthquake-stricken Nepal, if so, the details thereof;