

(d) No, Sir. However, augmentation of the observing system networks for the upgradation of IMD is a continuing process that shall be taken up as per the emerging needs from time to time.

#### **Talks with China on border dispute**

1192. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any dialogue with China during the recent visit of our Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding border dispute of Arunachal Pradesh as claimed by China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) and (b) Prime Minister Modi paid an official visit to China from 14-16 May, 2015. The discussions with Chinese leadership were comprehensive and substantive. Various issues of mutual significance and concern were discussed in a frank and cordial manner. The two sides emphasized their policy of attaching priority to the development of good-neighbourly and friendly bilateral relations and agreed to build a closer developmental partnership as a core component of bilateral relations. Both sides have expressed their commitment to seeking an early resolution of the boundary question in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner. Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India. This has been clearly conveyed to the Chinese side on several occasions, including at the highest level.

#### **Benefits for being a member of BRICS**

1193. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any benefits have accrued to India for being a member in the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) as well as BRICS Bank, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether being a member in the BRICS, would benefit India's entry into NSG, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) All members of BRICS grouping benefit from its collective strength by way of consultation and cooperation on economic issues of mutual interests, as well as topical global issues, such as, international terrorism, climate change, food and energy security, reforms of global governance institutions, etc.