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**TIBETAN PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE**

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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman  
Minister of Defence  
Government of India  
New Delhi

September 4th, 2017

Hon'ble Madam,

I would like to formally congratulate you on behalf of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile and the entire Tibetan for becoming the India's first full-time woman Defence Minister which becomes a major milestone in the history of India.

We really appreciate your continuous dedication towards the administrative work and for the people of your country and we are extremely grateful to India for being an amiable host for the Tibetan people living in India as refugees.

We will be looking forward for your continued support to the non-violence, Middle Way Approach as espoused by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama for the peaceful resolution of the Tibet's cause.

We wish you success in all your endeavors to bring peace, prosperity and progress for the people of India.

With best wishes,

Acharya Yeshe Phuntsok  
Deputy Speaker  
Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile

