

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
CHINESE PROJECTS IN POK .

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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that projects are being constructed by China in Pakistan occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir during the past years;
- (b) if so, the names of the projects and the dates on which their construction works were started;
- (c) whether Government has asked China and Pakistan to stop the construction works in these projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) China has engaged in the construction of a number of projects in the Pakistan occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir since the 1960s, including, inter alia, Karakoram Highway, Mangla Dam Raising Project, Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Project, Muzaffarabad City Development Project, Naltar Hydropower Project and Bunji Hydropower Project.

(c) & (d) Government's consistent position is that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947. Government has conveyed its concerns to China and Pakistan about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, and asked them to cease such activities.