

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
CHINESE PROJECTS AROUND THE COUNTRY .

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

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that China is making attempt to store petroleum for six months of consumption;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the development of facilities at Gwadar port in Pakistan and Hambantota Port in Sri Lanka by China and its attempt to mark its presence at different ports in Bangladesh and Myanmar are indications of threat to Indian security;

(c) whether Chinese helicopters had entered the Indian airspace in Leh region on 21st June, 2009 and dropped food; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) No.

(b) China is participating in infrastructure projects, including ports, in the countries of South Asia. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

(c) & (d) Yes. Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese side through a Flag Meeting.