

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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ANSWERED ON
CHINESE CONNECTIVITY WITH PAKISTAN .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRSEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that China has enhanced connectivity with Pakistan through the territory in Jammu and Kashmir, "illegally occupied" by both these nations;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that various neighbouring countries have seized Indian territory;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard, country-wise;
- (e) whether these countries have positioned their military divisions on the land seized by them;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (g) the action so far taken by Government of India thereon and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) & (b) China and Pakistan have built the Karakoram Highway across Pakistan occupied Kashmir. On 15 April 2008 China and Pakistan issued a Joint Press Statement in which the two sides agreed to take steps for upgrading transportation and communication network overland with a view to enhancing connectivity. 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 to the Chinese side its concerns about their activities in PoK, and asked them cease such activities.

(c) to (g) Pakistan is in illegal occupation of approximately 78,000 sq kms. of territory in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir. China is in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 sq kms. of territory in the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir, as well as 5,180 sq kms. illegally ceded by Pakistan to China. Government does not recognize the illegal occupation of Indian territory by Pakistan and China and has taken this up with China through the Special Representatives Talks and with Pakistan through the Composite Dialogue Mechanism.