

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
CHINESE SOLDIERS IN GILGIT BALTISTAN .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Chinese soldiers have been deployed in the Gilgit-Baltistan region of Pak occupied Kashmir;
- (b) whether China is trying to make access to Gulf countries through road and rail projects in Pakistan and connecting its Sinkiang Province with Karakoram road;
- (c) whether Government is also aware of this fact that China is strengthening its Naval Presence in Indian Ocean; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to tackle the increasing threat to country's security posed by China?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) Government has seen media reports regarding presence of Chinese troops in Gilgit-Baltistan area. Both the Chinese and the Pakistan sides have denied these media reports.
- (b) to (d) Government is aware of China's enhanced economic and technological capabilities in execution of infrastructure projects in Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions as also in other developing countries, including in road, rail and ports. Government remains vigilant to all developments having a bearing on India's national interest and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.