GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-570

ANSWERED ON- 24/07/2025

MEETING BETWEEN CHINA-PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN ON CPEC

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a meeting was held between Pakistan, China and Afghanistan in the fourth week of May, 2025;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that there was discussion and agreement to expand China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to Afghanistan and Afghanistan has also agreed to that; and
- (c) the manner in which Government looks at the present development of trilateral agreement between three countries on CPEC?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) Government of India is aware of a China-Pakistan-Afghanistan meeting held in Beijing, China on 21 May 2025.

Government's position on CPEC is clear and consistent. Government has consistently protested to parties concerned over the inclusion of the so-called 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)', which passes through parts of the Indian Union Territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir under illegal occupation of Pakistan, as a flagship project of 'OBOR/BRI' and asked them to cease these activities.

Any proposed participation of third countries or expansion of the so-called CPEC projects to third countries is unacceptable. Government has consistently conveyed this position to relevant parties.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.
