

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EFFORTS TO GET BACK POK
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have asked Pakistan to vacate Pakistan occupied Kashmir (POK);
- (b) if so, the reaction of Pakistan thereto; and
- (c) the efforts being made by the Government to get back POK?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. A portion of the State is under forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. Government's consistent approach has been that the issue that remains to be resolved in Jammu and Kashmir is the vacation by Pakistan of the area under its illegal occupation. Government remains committed to resolving all issues with Pakistan bilaterally and peacefully in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration.