

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE PROJECTS IN POK

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is working on various infrastructure related projects in Pakistan occupied Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has raised this issue with the Government of China;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government of China thereto; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (e) China has engaged in the construction of a number of projects in the Pakistan occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir since the 1960s, including, inter alia, Karakoram Highway, Mangla Dam Raising Project, Neelum-Jelum Hydropower Project, Muzaffarabad City Development Project, Naltar Hydropower Project, Bunji Hydropower Project and Jaglot-Skardu road. Government has raised this issue with the Chinese side and has clearly conveyed India's consistent position that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. China regards Kashmir as a bilateral matter to be settled between India and Pakistan. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, and asked them to cease such activities.