

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ENCROACHMENT OF INDIAN SEA TERRITORY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan is encroaching the Indian territorial waters in the Arabian Sea on a large scale;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has taken up the matter at world level; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The International Boundary in the Sir Creek area and International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) between India and Pakistan have not been demarcated. Accordingly, to prevent transgression across the provisional IMBL by fishermen of India and Pakistan routine patrolling is being undertaken by Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard. The issue of Sir Creek has been discussed between India and Pakistan within the framework of the Composite Dialogue.