

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INCORRECT TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there are a number of popular internet websites which are showing incorrect territorial boundaries of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that there are reportedly a number of foreign made maps and globes sold in India which are showing incorrect territorial boundaries of India; and
- (d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes. The Government is aware of this issue.
- (b): With regard to depiction of incorrect territorial boundaries in Google Maps, the matter was taken up with Google. Google issued a statement in August 2009 admitting that it was the result of an error in processing of data. The error has since been corrected in the Google Maps for India <http://maps.google.co.in>.
- (c) & (d): All cases of wrong depiction of India's territorial boundary, on foreign made maps and globes sold in India are dealt with by the Survey of India (SOI), the National Mapping Agency under the Department of Science and Technology, for examination. SOI further refers them to the Ministry of Home Affairs for initiating the action of lodging an FIR by the concerned state Police authorities against the agency/Institution involved in wrong depiction of the Indian territory under the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1990.