GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1396 ANSWERED ON:30.11.2011 WRONG MAP OF INDIA BY CHINA Bhagora Shri Tarachand;Saroj Smt. Sushila

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chinese company has misrepresented the facts in the map of India and depicted Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh as part of China and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir as part of the Pakistan;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Chinese Ambassador to India entered into a heated exchange with a reporter over the said map;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of objections raised by the Government of India with China regarding various anti-India activities of China during the last three years including the above issue; and

(f) the reaction of China thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (f) China disputes the International Boundary between India and China. In the Eastern Sector it claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. Indian territory under the occupation of China in Jammu & Kashmir is approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called China-Pakistan "Boundary Agreement" signed between China and Pakistan on 2 March 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China regards the State of Jammu and Kashmir as a dispute that should be settled properly through dialogue between India and Pakistan. The Chinese company, part of a delegation from the Xinjiang Autonomous Region of China, distributed a brochure with a map depicting Chinese claims at a business event. There was an exchange of views between the Chinese Ambassador to India and the Indian media on this issue. Government has taken up this case with the Chinese side. Government's clear and consistent position that Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are integral parts of India has been conveyed to the Chinese side on many occasions and at the highest level.