

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4438  
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2011  
KASHMIRI PEOPLE VISITING CHINA  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the people of Kashmir have started going to China via Hong Kong; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) It had come to the notice of the Government that some Indian nationals with a Chinese visa on a separate sheet of paper stapled to their passport were undertaking travel to China via Hong Kong. Such stapled visas are not considered valid for travel abroad by Government. Indian nationals receive a 14-day visa on arrival at Hong Kong. Apparently, the Hong Kong Immigration Authorities accept stapled visas for onward travel to China. The Indian Immigration authorities have been sensitized to this possibility.