GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:419 ANSWERED ON:14.03.2012 EAM'S VISIT TO CHINA Mohan Shri P. C.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of his recent visit to China;

(b) the objective of the visit alongwith the details of dialogue held and agreements signed during the said visit;

(c) whether the Government has raised the matter regarding increasing activities of China in PoK and Presence of Chinese soldiers there during different rounds of dialogue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of China thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) External Affairs Minister visited China on 7-8 February 2012 to inaugurate the new Indian Embassy Complex in Beijing. During his visit he met with Mr. Zhou Yongkang, Member of the Politburo Standing Committee, Mr. Dai Bingguo, State Councillor, Mr. Yang Jeichi, Foreign Minister and Mr. Wang Jiarui, Minister, International Department of the Communist Party of China. The two sides agreed to designate 2012 as the 'Year of India-China Friendship and Cooperation'. The two sides discussed all issues of bilateral, regional and global significance.

(c) & (d) India has raised this issue with the Chinese side on many occasions including at the highest level. Government 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. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, and asked them to cease such activities. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.