

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINA PAK RELATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to strained relations with USA, Pakistan is intending to hand over Gilgit and Baltistan of PoK to China causing threat to India's security; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government has not seen any official statement or report by the Government of Pakistan on handing over of Gilgit-Baltistan in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) to China. However, under the so called China-Pakistan "Boundary Agreement" of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 Sq. Kms. of Indian territory in POK to China. Government remains firm in its resolve to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard India's security and territorial integrity.