

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CHINESE SECURITY FORCES IN POK

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the presence of Chinese security forces in Pak Occupied Kashmir (PoK);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken up this issue with Governments of Pakistan and China or raised the issue at any international fora;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of China and Pakistan thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e) Government is aware that China is executing infrastructure projects in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Government has raised this issue with the Chinese side and 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. China regards Kashmir as a bilateral matter to be settled between India and Pakistan. 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.