

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS BY CHINA IN POK  
Tewari Shri Manish

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any assessment has been made on the strategic implications for India on the upgradation of the Karakoram road by China in the region illegally occupied by Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c) Government's position is that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947. The Chinese side is fully aware of our position and concern about upgradation of the Karakoram Highway by them. Government has asked the Chinese side to cease their activities in PoK. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's interests and takes all necessary measures to protect them.