

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3862

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TRAINING OF PAKISTANI ARMY

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Border Security Force has submitted a report to the Government on the Chinese involvement in training Pakistani soldiers along the border with India;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has studied the aforesaid report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (c): Border Security Force (BSF) has reported that preliminary report regarding presence of Chinese troops in Pakistan's Forward Defence Locations (FDLs) for imparting training of weapon handling was received by them. However, this information was not confirmed/corroborated by any intelligence agency.

China and Pakistan have stated that their bilateral defence cooperation is an important component of their strategic cooperation. China has long been providing Pakistan with military assistance and equipment. Chinese persons have been visiting Pakistan for conducting acceptance tests on the military equipment supplied by them and subsequently training Pakistani soldiers on the same. Both countries regularly hold joint exercises between their Armies, Navies and Air Forces.

(d) Government has clearly conveyed India's consistent position that Pakistan is in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947 and has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan occupied Kashmir and asked them to cease such activities. China has conveyed that it regards Kashmir as a bilateral matter to be settled between India and Pakistan.

Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.