

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2854
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2014
WRONGFUL DEPICTION OF INDIAN MAP
Singh Captain Amarinder

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a map of India was allegedly issued with Kashmir missing from it during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Australia;
- (b) if so, the facts and response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether similar cases have been reported during the last one year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Prime Minister visited the Cube Globe at the Queensland University of Technology on 14th November, 2014 during his visit to Australia, at which one of the presenters used a map of Asia and Oceania, which incorrectly depicted the boundary of India in Kashmir. The matter was immediately taken up with the University which acknowledged their error and tendered an unconditional regret and apology for the inadvertent use of the incorrect map. Government of India takes any incorrect depiction of maps of India very seriously. Accordingly, the concerns of Government of India were also conveyed to the Australian Government.

(c) & (d) No similar incident relating to an incorrect depiction of the Map of India has come to notice of the Government during the past years, in Australia.