GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:35 ANSWERED ON:22.07.2015 China's Assistance to Pakistan Chandumajra Shri Prem Singh;Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of China's offer of a huge financial package and nuclear assistance to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 REGARDING "CHINA'S ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN" FOR ANSWER ON 22.07.2015

(a) to (c) Government is aware of China's offer of assistance to Pakistan for various projects, including the so-called 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'.

Government has seen reports that some of the proposed projects under CPEC are in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK). Government's consistent position is that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir since 1947. Government has conveyed to the Chinese side, including at the highest level, its concerns about their activities in PoK and asked them to cease these activities.

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