GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO: 260

ANSWERED ON:10.12.2014

PROJECTS OF CHINA AND PAKISTAN IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

BHARAT SINGH

(a) whether the Government is aware that China and Pakistan are allegedly investing in various strategic, infrastructure and defence projects in neighbouring countries and Indian territories under their illegal occupation;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether this move by these countries is a matter of concern with regard to India's security interests; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/envisaged to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRSbe pleased to state:-

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 260 REGARDING "PROJECTS OF CHINA AND PAKISTAN IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES" FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2014

(a) to (d) Government is aware that China is involved in the construction of or assistance to infrastructure projects in our neighborhood including in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar; hydroelectric and IT projects in Nepal; IT and housing cons- truction projects in Maldives; hydroelectric & nuclear projects, highways, motorways, export processing zones and economic corridors in Pakistan. Government has seen reports with regard to China and Pakistan being involved in infrastructure building activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK), including cons- truction of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. 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.

India is an active development partner of its neighbours and is involved in various projects in these countries. India's relations with other countries stand on their own footing and are independent of the relations of those countries with third countries.