

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO: 1849

ANSWERED ON:09.03.2016

Chinese Support to Pakistan

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Chinese 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?

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

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) to (c) Government is aware of China's assistance to Pakistan for various hydroelectric & nuclear projects, highways, motorways, ports, export processing zones and economic corridors in Pakistan. China also provides defence assistance to Pakistan, including training, defence equipment and technology.

China is assisting Pakistan in the development of the so-called 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)'. 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.