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Chinas claim on areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh

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(a) whether China has reiterated its claim on areas of Jammu and Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether Government registered any protest in this regard in the meeting recently held with the Chinese Premier, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the efforts being made by Government to resolve international border dispute with China?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) China disputes the international boundary between India and China. In the Eastern Sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. Indian territory under the occupation of China in Jammu & Kashmir is approximately 38,000 sq. kms. In addition, under the so-called China-Pakistan “Boundary Agreement” signed between China and Pakistan on 2 March 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

(b) & (c) The two sides agree that peace and tranquillity on the border is the basis for the continued expansion of India-China relations. The two sides have agreed to each appoint a Special Representative (SR) to explore the framework for a boundary settlement from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship. There have been seventeen meetings of SRs so far, last one in New Delhi on February 10-11, 2014. India and China are engaged in discussions to arrive at a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question at an early date.

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