

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO-49
ANSWERED ON-20.07.2017**

China's presence around India's maritime boundaries

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China is consistently neglecting the interests of India and a siege is being laid around India's maritime boundaries;
- (b) whether through a tie-up between China and Pakistan in the name of 'One Belt One Road', an agreement has been made to let the road pass through that part of Jammu and Kashmir which comes under Pak Occupied Kashmir; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by India in view of the intentions of China?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR 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 RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 REGARDING "CHINA'S PRESENCE AROUND INDIA'S MARITIME BOUNDARIES" FOR ANSWER ON 20.07.2017

(a) to (c) China has stated its objective to become a 'maritime power'. As part of this strategy, China is developing ports and other infrastructure facilities in the littoral countries in the region, including in the vicinity of India's maritime boundary.

Under One Belt One Road (OBOR) initiative, China is undertaking projects for development of infrastructure facilities in several countries in the region. The so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which passes through Indian territory under illegal occupation of Pakistan, has been identified as a flagship project of OBOR. 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 Pakistan Occupied Kashmir 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.