

No. E-551/01/2024-RTI(1)

#### RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi

03 April 2024

#### Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Please refer to your RTI application Registration No. MHOME/R/T/24/00586/1 and MOEAF/R/T/24/00099 which was received by the undersigned CPIO on 08 March 2024.

- 2. With regard to the information sought in respect of China, under so-called China-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' signed in 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms of Indian Territory in Shaksgam Valley from areas illegally occupied by Pakistan in Union Territory of Ladakh to China. Government of India has never recognized the so-called Pakistan-China 'Boundary Agreement' of 1963 and consistently maintained that it is illegal and invalid. Further, in the Eastern Sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian territory in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Indian territory under occupation of China in the Union Territory of Ladakh is approximately 38,000 square kilometers. India's consistent and principled position is that Arunachal Pradesh and the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, have been, are and shall be an integral part of India. This fact has been clearly conveyed to Chinese authorities several occasions. This Ministry has answered several Parliament Questions on this issue which are available in public domain. Copies of two relevant answers are enclosed for your reference.
- 3. It is also stated that under the provisions of RTI Act 2005, a CPIO/ Public Authority is under obligation to provide an applicant only that information which exists in records and that which is held by or under the control of that authority.
- 4. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Aniket G. Mandavgane, Director (East Asia) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi -110001, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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### QUESTION NO.2757 ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF LAND BY CHINA AND PAKISTAN

m December 12, 2019

### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2757 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019

ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF LAND BY CHINA AND PAKISTAN

2757. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan occupied Kashmir has been illegally occupied by self-governing administration of Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that China has also illegally acquired Indian territory from Pakistan occupied Kashmir under so called China-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

## ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (e) Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of approximately 78,000 sq.kms of Indian territory in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Under the so-called 'Boundary Agreement' signed between China and Pakistan on 2 March 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq.kms of India territory in Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to China.

India's consistent and principled position, as also enunciated in the 1994 Parliament resolution adopted unanimously, is that the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have been, are and shall be an integral part of India. We have consistently called upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under its illegal and forcible occupation.

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### QUESTION NO.648 SHAKSGAM VALLEY

## February 04, 2022

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.648 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022

SHAKSGAM VALLEY

648. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is mulling to ask China to de-facto return India's Shaksgam valley illegally occupied by China since 1963;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of occasions on which India has raised this issue with China?

# ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (c) China continues to be in illegal occupation of approximately 38,000 sq. kms. of Indian territory in the Union Territory of Ladakh for the last six decades. Further, under the so-called China-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' signed in 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 sq. kms. of Indian territory in Shaksgam Valley from areas illegally occupied by Pakistan in Union Territory of Ladakh to China.

Government of India has never recognised the so-called China-Pakistan "Boundary Agreement" of 1963 and has consistently maintained that it is illegal and invalid. The fact that the entire Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh are an integral and inalienable part of India has been clearly conveyed to Pakistani and Chinese authorities several times.

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RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या):

Transferred From (से स्थानांतरित):

Ministry of Home Affairs on 07/03/2024 With Reference Number:
MHOME/R/T/24/00586/1

The information sought by you is not available with the undersigned CPIO. However, the matter may be related to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Defence. Hence your application is being transferred under Section 6 (3) of the RTI Act, 2005 to the CPIO of MEA and MoD accordingly for providing information directly to you.

Type of Receipt (रसीद Electronically Transferred from का प्रकार): Other Public Authority Language of Request (अनुरोध की भाषा):

Status (स्थिति) Rural Above Graduate **Education Status:** (Rural/Urban): Requester Letter Details not provided Details not Number(निवेदक पत्र Letter Date: provided संख्या): Is Requester Below No Indian Poverty Line? (क्या Citizenship Status आवेदक गरीबी रेखा से (नागरिकता) नीचे का है?) : Amount Paid (राशि का 0 (Received by Prime Minister's Mode of Payment Payment Gateway Office) (original recipient) भुगतान): (भुगतान का प्रकार) Does it concern the life No(Normal) DS (China), Ms. or Liberty of a Person? Request Pertains to Priyanka Sohoni (क्या यह किसी व्यक्ति के (अनुरोध निम्नलिखित जीवन अथवा स्वतंत्रता से संबंधित है) : संबंधित है?): The request is being forwarded to the concerned CPIO in MHA viz. 2 IC(IPB) and Information Sought Commandant(China) for providing information, if any, directly to the applicant. In (जानकारी मांगी): case the matter is not concerned, the request may kindly be forwarded to the Public Authority to which the same is more closely concerned. Original RTI Text (मूल How much areas India Country are under unauthorized occupation by Pakistan and आरटीआई पाठा: China Country? Print Save Close

### ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.MOEAF/R/T/24/00099

#### **Applicant Name**

**Text of Application** 

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#### Reply of Application

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	07/03/2024	Nodal Officer	MHOME/R/T/24/00586/1
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO	08/03/2024	Nodal Officer	Forwarded to CPIO(s): (1) DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni, (2) DS (PAK)

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