



RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E-551/01/2024-RTI

12 July 2024

To:



Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Please refer to your RTI application with registration no. MOEAF/R/E/24/00796/1 which was received at the undersigned CPIO on 09 July 2024.

2. With respect to query no. 1, this Ministry has answered a Parliament Question on this issue which is available in the public domain (copy enclosed). The Official Spokesperson of this Ministry has also responded to media queries on this issue, the copy of which is enclosed for 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 - 110011, within a month from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Priyanka Sohoni)

DS (China) & CPIO

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Encl: 1. Copy of the Parliament Question
2. Official Spokesperson's response

Copy to:

1. **Sh. Vipul Bawa, US(PAK) & CPIO** [for information]
2. **US (RTI), JNB, MEA, New Delhi**

🔔 What's New

QUESTION NO.606 BRI AND CPEC

📅 February 05, 2020

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.606
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020

BRI AND CPEC

606. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to mobilize international support to oppose the China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and particularly China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to make international community realise that the project is not a mutually beneficial project to Pakistan and China but only benefits China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (e) Government's position on China's 'One Belt One Road' (OBOR) or 'Belt and Road Initiative' (BRI) has been clear and consistent.


Government's concerns arise in part from the fact that the inclusion of the so-called illegal 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor' (CPEC) as a flagship project of 'OBOR/BRI', directly impinges on the issue of sovereignty and territorial integrity of India. This so-called illegal 'China-Pakistan Economic Corridor' (CPEC) passes through parts of the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh which are under illegal occupation of Pakistan. Government has conveyed its concerns to the Chinese side about their activities in areas illegally occupied by Pakistan in the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and has asked them to cease such activities.

Further, the Government is of the firm belief that connectivity initiatives must be based on universally recognized international norms. They must follow principles of openness, transparency and financial responsibility and must be pursued in a manner that respects sovereignty, equality and territorial integrity of other nations.


Government's consistent position in this regard has also been endorsed by other countries. The India-USA Joint Statement 'Prosperity through Partnership' released in June 2017 called upon all nations to support bolstering regional economic connectivity through transparent development of infrastructure and the use of responsible debt financing practices; while ensuring respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, the rule of law and the environment.

The India-Japan 'Prosperity through Partnership' released in September 2017 also underlined the importance of all countries ensuring the development and use of connectivity infrastructure in an open, transparent and non-exclusive manner based on international standards and responsible debt financing practices, while ensuring respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, the rule of law, and the environment.

The European Commission issued a Joint Communication in September 2018 titled 'Connecting Europe and Asia – Building blocks for an EU Strategy' in which it has been highlighted that the European Union promotes an approach to connectivity, which is sustainable, comprehensive and rules-based. Connectivity has to be economically, fiscally, environmentally and socially sustainable in the long term.

 What's New

Official Spokesperson's response to media queries on references to Jammu & Kashmir in the China-Pakistan Joint Statement

 June 13, 2024

In response to media queries on references to Jammu & Kashmir in the China-Pakistan Joint Statement, the Official Spokesperson, Shri Randhir Jaiswal said:

"We have noted unwarranted references to the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in the joint statement between China and Pakistan of 07 June 2024. We categorically reject such references. Our position on the issue is consistent and well known to the concerned parties. The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Ladakh have been, are and will always remain integral and inalienable parts of India. No other country has the locus standi to comment on the same.

The same joint statement also mentions activities and projects under the so-called China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), some of which are in India's sovereign territory under forcible and illegal occupation by Pakistan. We resolutely oppose and reject any moves by other countries to reinforce or legitimise Pakistan's illegal occupation of these territories, impinging on India's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

New Delhi

June 13, 2024

RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

Registration Number (पंजीकरण संख्या) :	MOEAF/R/E/24/00796/1	Date of Receipt (प्राप्ति की तारीख) :	13/06/2024
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Information Sought (जानकारी मांगी):	Being transferred for Query No.1 of RTI Application.		
Original RTI Text (मूल आरटीआई पाठ):	1. What are the steps India is taking to tackle the Chinese CPEC corridor, as it is passing through the Indian territory of POK. 2. What are the steps India taking to get back the full control of POK		

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ACTION HISTORY OF RTI REQUEST No.MOEAF/R/E/24/00796/1

Applicant Name



Text of Application

Being transferred for Query No.1 of RTI Application.

Reply of Application

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	09/07/2024	US (PAK)	Forwarded to CPIO DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni by CPIO US (PAK)

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Speed Post/RTI Matter

F.No. J-I/551/02/2024
Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
(PAI Division)

South Block, New Delhi
Dated 9 July 2024

To,

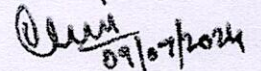
Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application with Registration no. MOEAF/R/E/24/00796 received by undersigned CPIO on 13 June 2024

2. Query no. 1 in RTI application is being forwarded to DS(China) & CPIO, EA Division, MEA for kind consideration and replying directly to the applicant, as appropriate.
3. With respect to your query no. 2 in the RTI application, it is informed that this Ministry has answered Parliament Questions (PQ) related to the information sought, which are available in public domain. A copy of an answered PQ is enclosed for reference.
4. It may be noted that only such information as is available and existing and held by the public authority or is under control of the public authority can be provided under the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005. The PIO is not supposed to create information that is not a part of the record.
5. In case you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal with Shri J.P Singh, Joint Secretary(PAI) & Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi - 110001, within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,


09/07/2024

(Vipul Bawa)

Under Secretary (Pak) & CPIO

Tel:23016971

Copy to:

- i. Ms. Priyanka Sohoni, DS(China) & CPIO, EA Division, MEA, South Block, New Delhi
- ii. Shri Bhupendra Singh Nikhurpa, Under Secretary(RTI), Room No. 1024, JNB, MEA, New Delhi

What's New

QUESTION NO.171 VACATION OF OCCUPIED AREAS BY PAKISTAN IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

July 19, 2018

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2018

VACATION OF OCCUPIED AREAS BY PAKISTAN IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

171. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had asked Pakistan to vacate areas occupied in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any reaction from Pakistan relating to the said demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) India's consistent and principled position, as also enunciated in the 1994 Parliament Resolution adopted unanimously, is that the entire State of Jammu and Kashmir has been, is and shall be an integral part of the Union of India. We have repeatedly and consistently called upon Pakistan to immediately vacate all areas under

its illegal occupation. Pakistan continues to be in illegal and forcible occupation of a part of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir.

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