

Construction of roads and railway line through PoK

†639. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has registered protest on China's proposal regarding construction and expansion of road and railway-line from west China to Pakistan through Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) which is a part of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said construction has been stopped after this protest; and

(d) if so, the present status of the above mentioned projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (d) Government is aware that China is executing infrastructure projects in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. Government has raised this issue with the Chinese side and has clearly conveyed India's consistent position that Pakistan has been in illegal occupation of parts of the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir since 1947. China regards Kashmir as a bilateral matter to be settled between India and Pakistan. Government has conveyed its concerns to China about their activities in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, and asked them to cease such activities. Government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and takes all necessary measures to safeguard it.

NAM Summit in Tehran

640. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Delegation led by Prime Minister of India participated in 120 Nation Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Tehran in August-September, 2012;

(b) whether Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit unanimously supported the Iranian nuclear energy programme; and

(c) if so, the details of other issues discussed and agreed upon by NAM Summit under Tehran Declaration?

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