

Government has noticed media reports stating that the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has forecast the current rate of influx of Chinese nationals into Balochistan.

The Government closely monitors all developments which have a bearing on national security and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security.

India's China policy

25. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees that India's China policy has failed in view of Beijing stalling India's entry into Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and obstructing India's efforts to declare Masood Azhar as an international terrorist; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH): (a) and (b) India's engagement with China is multifaceted. In areas where we have commonality of views, engagement has expanded and upgraded in recent years. Both sides share a view that India-China bilateral relationship is poised to play a defining role in the 21st Century in Asia and in the world. They have agreed to work towards strengthening the Closer Developmental Partnership for mutual benefit. In view of the significance of the bilateral relationship, the two sides have agreed to continue their engagement at various levels to enhance mutual understanding and trust and to address outstanding issues in the spirit of showing mutual respect and sensitivity to each other's interests, concerns and aspirations.

Act East Policy

26. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any programmes/projects have been taken up under the Act East Policy during the last two years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) and (b) India's Look East Policy (LEP) has been a major pillar of our