



RTI matter/ Time Bound

Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E-551/01/2024-RTI

16 August 2024

To:



Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Please refer to your RTI request registration no. MOEAF/R/E/24/00952 which was received at this Division on 18 July 2024.

2. With regard to the information requested at point 1, 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. 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 such relevant answers are enclosed for your reference.

3. With regard to point nos. 2, 3, and 4, the request has already been transferred to National Council of Educational Research & Training for providing requisite information directly to the applicant.

4. 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.

5. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal to Shri Aniket Govind 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,

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(ii) ~~DS~~ (Pak) & CPIO, MEA, New Delhi. [for information]
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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.

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

📅 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.

RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

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Dear Sir/Madam

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If so why is K2 located in PoK not recognized as the highest peak in India in educational materials while the NCERT Social Science Contemporary India 1 textbook for Class 9 lists Kangchenjunga as the highest peak

Information Sought (जानकारी

मांगी):

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Given Chinas assertive cartographic claims over regions like Arunachal Pradesh and other Indian territories and the improving situation in PoK shouldnt our textbooks be updated to reflect these territories as part of India to enhance Indias strategic position internationally

Thank you for your attention to this matter

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Text of Application**Reply of Application**

SN.	Action Taken	Date of Action	Action Taken By	Remarks
1	RTI REQUEST RECEIVED	17/07/2024	Nodal Officer	
2	REQUEST FORWARDED TO CPIO(s) AND TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY(s)	18/07/2024	Nodal Officer	2) National Council of Educational Research & Training : For Point No. 2,3 & 4:- RTI is being transferred u/s 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 as the subject matter pertains to your Public Authority. Please provide the requisite information directly to the applicant. If the RTI does not pertain to you then it may be further transferred to concerned Public Authority.
3	REQUEST TRANSFERRED TO OTHER CPIO	18/07/2024	US (MEA-N)- (CPIO)	Transferred to CPIO(s) : (1) DS (China), Ms. Priyanka Sohoni, (2) US (PAK)

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