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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E-551/1/2022-RTI

20 December 2022

Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Please refer to your RTI application bearing Registration No. MHOME/R/E/22/04651 dated 12.12.2022, which was transferred to this Ministry with a ref no. MOEAF/R/T/22/00492 on 13.12.2022.

2. Regarding your queries, the information is as given below:

Q.N	Information sought	Information
1	Detailed information of Indian territory under Chinese control	China disputes the international boundary between India and China. In the Eastern sector, China claims approximately 90,000 square kilometers of Indian Territory in the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Indian Territory under the occupation of China in the Union Territory of Ladakh is approximately 38,000 square kilometers. In addition, under the so-called China-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' signed between China and Pakistan on 2 March 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 square kilometers of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. 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 the Chinese side on several occasions. MEA has answered several Parliament Question on this issue. The same are available on public domain. A copy of one relevant answer is enclosed for your reference.
2	Status of talk between two countries	Copies of Press Releases regarding (a) 16 th round of India China Corps Commander Level Meeting (b) 25 th Meeting of WMCC and (c) Disengagement at PP-15, which are available on public domain, are enclosed for your reference.

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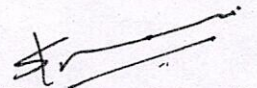
3	Total number of lives lost from Indian side vis-a-vis conflict with China	The information are not available with the undersigned CPIO. Further, as per Section 6(3) of RTI Act, this query is being <u>transferred to Ministry of Defence</u> for necessary action at their end, if any.
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3. 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 is held by or under the control of that authority.

4. Regarding the query no. 3 (as mentioned in Para 2 above), Ministry of Defence is requested to reply directly to the applicant.

5. 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,



(Priyanka Sohoni)

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CC to:

1. Under Secretary (RTI), JNB, MEA, New Delhi;
2. US (RTI Cell), Room No-4, Ministry of Defence, South Block, New Delhi (*With request to reply directly to the applicant*)

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2923
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020**

BORDER DISPUTE WITH CHINA

2923. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of border dispute with China including the present status of the areas under question;
- (b) whether we are holding them as per our claim or not; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the list of areas we are not holding as per our claims?

ANSWER

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

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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 the Chinese side on several occasions.

Joint Press Release of the 16th Round of India-China Corps Commander Level Meeting


📅 July 18, 2022


The 16th round India- China Corps Commander Level Meeting was held at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side on 17 July 2022.


Building on the progress made at the last meeting on 11 March 2022, the two sides continued discussions for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in a constructive and forward looking manner. They had a frank and in-depth exchange of views in this regard, in keeping with the guidance provided by the State Leaders to work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest. The two sides reaffirmed that the resolution of remaining issues would help in restoration of peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral relations.


In the interim, the two sides agreed to maintain the security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector. The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest.


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July 18, 2022


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
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
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
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
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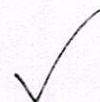
25th Meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs

📅 October 14, 2022


The 25th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) was held on 14 October 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Joint Secretary (East Asia) from the Ministry of External Affairs. The Director General of the Boundary & Oceanic Department of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs led the Chinese delegation.

2. The two sides reviewed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western Sector of India-China border areas. Recalling the developments since the last meeting of WMCC in May 2022, they welcomed the disengagement in the area of Gogra-Hot Springs (PP-15) that was carried out in a phased, coordinated and verified manner between 8-12 September 2022. They noted that these steps reflected the understandings between External Affairs Minister and Chinese State Councilor & Foreign Minister, including at their recent meeting in Bali in July 2022.
3. The two sides agreed to continue discussions through diplomatic and military channels to resolve the remaining issues along the LAC at the earliest so as to create conditions for restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations.
4. To achieve the objective of resolution of remaining issues along the LAC in the Western Sector in accordance with the existing bilateral agreements and protocols, they agreed to hold the next (17th) round of the Senior Commanders meeting at an early date.

New Delhi
October 14, 2022



Disengagement at PP-15

 September 08, 2022

On 08 September 2022, according to the consensus reached in the 16th round of India China Corps Commander Level Meeting, the Indian and Chinese troops in the area of Gogra-Hotsprings (PP-15) have begun to disengage in a coordinated and planned way, which is conducive to the peace and tranquility in the border areas.

New Delhi

September 08, 2022

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RTI REQUEST DETAILS (आरटीआई अनुरोध विवरण)

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**Information Sought
(जानकारी मांगी):**

1. Detailed information of Indian territory under Chinese control
2. Status of talk between two countries
3. Total number of lives lost from Indian side vis-a-vis conflict with China

Please provide the following informations:

**Original RTI Text (मूल
आरटीआई पाठ):**

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