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Title: Reported distorted picture of territorial boundaries of India in the maps shown by various countries.

SHRI MANISH TEWARI (LUDHIANA): Madam, Chairperson, over the last couple of years reports have repeatedly emerged that Indian territory, especially Pakistan occupied Kashmir and Arunachal Pradesh, is wrongly depicted on the maps of even friendly countries. When India protests, at times these countries are able to alter their maps and depict the reality properly. At times they choose to ignore the protest. The MEA has come out with a very strange sort of a rescind response that map making is not a perfect science and it depends upon the political outlook from which it is viewed. India being a rising power, I think the political outlook which should prevail is the Indian outlook on these matters. This problem is not as if it is insurmountable. It is not that you have to deal with 173 countries. There are certain organizations which are experts at Cartography. There is the United Nations from where most of the countries take their maps.

My request to the Government through you Madam, Chairperson is that the Government of India should regularly work with these cartography organizations in an institutionalized manner so that these aberrations either do not come up and if they come up they are immediately corrected before they perpetuate themselves and it becomes an irritant with friendly countries also. That is the small request I have. Thank you Madam, Chairperson.

श्री शजेन्द्र अग्रवाल (मेरठ): मैं माननीय सदस्य श्री मनीष तिवारी जी द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ अपने-आप को संबद्ध करता हूं।