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Title: Regarding distribution of controversial maps by China to its military to reinforce its claim on Arunachal Pradesh.

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN (VADAKARA): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you for having given me this opportunity to raise a very important issue relating to the honour, integrity and territorial sovereignty of our country.

Sir, it is disquieting to note that our neighbour China is distributing millions of controversial updated maps to its military to reinforce its claim over Arunachal Pradesh. This incident cannot be seen in isolation as there is disturbing information from PoK about Chinese presence there and that China is building roads and other infrastructure there. We have reports that our Intelligence agencies have corroborated this information.

The Chinese interest in Central Asia is also well known. It was in the year 1962 that China had attacked us without any provocation and it was the time when Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was pursuing vigorously with his Panchsheela and good neighbourly relations with China.

Our hon. Prime Minister had occasion to meet with the Chinese Premier in Brazil during the BRICS Summit. The External Affairs Minister also had wide ranging discussion with her counterpart from China in Delhi recently.

I would like to urge the Government, through you, to enlighten this House as to whether our hon. Prime Minister as also the External Affairs Minister had occasion to highlight this matter with their Chinese counterparts. This is a matter of great concern to the nation and the Government should take this House into confidence. So, I urge upon the Government to come out with a statement on the matter.