

**CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO U.S.
Q. NO. 7288 RE. PLOTS FOR LOAD-
ING SAND AT BANDA JUNCTION
(CENTRAL RAILWAYS)**

**THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH) :** In reply
to parts (b) and (c), following information
was given :—

- (b) Except that two plots are held, one by the mother and the other by her son there is no case of plots being allotted to different members of the same household.
- (c) There are 14 plots available at the station and a proposal to provide 14 more plots is under consideration.

The correct position is as follows :

- (b) Except that four plots are held, two by brothers one by their sister and one by their sister-in-law (widow of their brother on whose death the plot was transferred to her name) there is no case of plots being allotted to different members of the same household.
- (c) There are 14 plots available at the station and a proposal to provide 3 more plots is under consideration.

12 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF
URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**Reported Building of a New Road by the
Chinese inside the Indian Territory**

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Alipore) :
I call the attention of the Minister of External Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon :

“Reported building of a new road by the Chinese inside the Indian territory of Kashmir, thus linking Tibet with Sinkiang, and the reaction of the Government thereto.”

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA (Tumkur) : I rise on a point of order. The call-attention is in respect of reported building of a new road by the Chinese inside the Indian territory of Kashmir which Pakistan has been occupying. This question should be answered by the Defence Ministry. How does the Ministry of External Affairs come in the picture ?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may make his statement.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : We have received information that the Government of Pakistan have begun constructing a road from Mor Khun in Northern Kashmir to Khunjerab Pass on the Kashmir-Sinkiang border. The entire alignment of the road runs in Indian territory which is presently under the illegal and forcible occupation of Pakistan. It is reported that 12,000 Chinese personnel of the People's Liberation Army have been inducted into this area to help build this road and are camped at Mor Khun.

This road will help to extend the Chinese road network in the Tibet-Sinkiang area into Northern Kashmir. It will give easier access to Chinese troops from areas under the illegal occupation of China in North-East Kashmir and from Tibet into the Gilgit area in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, which lies to the north of the ceasefire line. The military significance of this road is, therefore, self-evident.

We have lodged emphatic protests with Pakistan and China over the building of this military road in Indian territory, and pointed out that it is a threat to the peace and tranquility of the region. Pakistan's willingness to build the road with Chinese help shows that Pakistan's intentions and ambitions in Kashmir equally serve Chinese designs in the area.

The House is well aware of Sino-Pak military collusion against India. The Government is fully alive to the danger posed to our security and is taking necessary steps to safeguard our interests.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : I do not follow from the statement the exact geographical consequences of that road. I do