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Pakistan admitted in court that Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) is a "foreign territory".



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### **About Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK):**

- PoK was **illegally occupied** by Pakistan in **1947** following an invasion by Pashtun tribesmen and the Pakistani Army.
- **Historically part** of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, which acceded to India in 1947 after Partition.
- **Geographical Extent:** Covers an area of **13,297 sq km** with a population of over **40 lakh**. It includes **10 districts**, with the capital being **Muzaffarabad**.
- Comprises two ethnically and linguistically different regions: **Mirpur-Muzaffarabad region** and **Gilgit-Baltistan region**.
- In 1963, Pakistan ceded over **5,000 sq km** of this land to China in the **Shaksgam area**.
- **Administrative Status:** Neither PoK nor GB are listed as part of Pakistan's four provinces. Both are considered "autonomous territories" ruled directly from Islamabad.
- For India, PoK and GB are part of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an **integral part of the country** as per the 1994 Parliamentary resolution.

### **India-Pakistan Territorial Demarcation:**

- **International Border (IB):** Stretches approximately **2,400 km** from Gujarat to the north banks of Chenab in Akhnoor in Jammu.
- **Line of Control (LoC):** A ceasefire line that came into existence after the 1948 and 1971 wars between India and Pakistan, delineated in the **Simla Agreement (1972)**.
- **Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL):** Divides the current positions of Indian and Pakistani troops in the Siachen region and extends from NJ 9842 to Indira Col in the north.
- Further demarcation challenges include the IB in Sir Creek area and International Maritime Boundary line between India and Pakistan, which have **not been demarcated**.