

and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether he held any talks with Indian industrialists and businessmen; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes Sir. Lech Walesa, President of the Republic of Poland paid a State visit to India on 2-8 March, 1994.

(b) to (d) Issues concerning international and regional affairs as well as bilateral cooperation were discussed during President Walesa's visit. The Polish side presented an exposition of its foreign and security policies as also its perception of developments in Europe, including the Partnership for Peace plan. Views were also exchanged on disarmament. The Polish leadership was briefed on the Kashmir issue and Pakistan's efforts to internationalise it using the pretext of human rights. The Polish side expressed appreciation of our concerns and our position on the Kashmir issue and agreed that outstanding issues between India and Pakistan should be settled bilaterally. On bilateral aspects, the two sides concurred on the need to strengthen trade and economic ties and to activate the Indo-Polish Joint Business Council and the Indo-Polish Joint Commission. The Polish side conveyed that it regards India as a stable and emerging economy with which mutually beneficial economic linkages could be developed on a long term basis.

As a result of the discussions it was decided that the sides would exchange views on restructuring of the UN Security Council and that the PRs of the two countries would consult each other and formulate proposals

in this regard. Both sides also agreed to cooperate and coordinate efforts in GATT in relation to the follow up of the Uruguay Round and particularly the Multi Fibre Agreement. A meeting of the Joint Commission is planned to be held during this year and the possibilities of setting up joint ventures targetted at each other's as well as third country markets are to be studied and tradeable commodities with promising prospects are to be identified.

President Walesa addressed a gathering of Indian industrialists and businessmen from the CII and subsequently answered questions on the Polish economy and prospects for Indo-Polish cooperation. In the context of this meeting, direct contacts were established between Indian industrialists and businessmen and Polish businessmen who had accompanied President Walesa to India. These are being followed up and it is hoped that this will result in expanded trade and economic cooperation.

Programmes Broadcast from FM Stations

* 326. SHRI CHETAN P.S.
CHAUHAN :
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H.
TOPIWALA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state ;

(a) whether the Government has recently launched sky radio programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the F.M. band programmes are planned to be transmitted through out the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGHDEO) : (a) to (d) All India Radio has introduced a 20-channel Sky Radio Service with effect from 1st April, 1994. Out of these, two channels are reserved for Educational Broadcasts to commence later on. To start with, the Regional programmes broadcast by different State capital stations (except Srinagar where satellite uplink facility is not available at present) are now being unlinked through satellite so as to make them available throughout the country alongwith the satellite channels of Doordarshan, using the same transponders. People owning direct reception set for satellite TV reception and the cable TV operators throughout the country can receive these programmes on their FM receivers with the help of a small gadget costing about Rs. 1,000/-. The Sky Radio programmes contributed by various Regional AIR Stations can now be heard throughout the country in the FM band.

[Translation]

National Highways

327. SHRI CHINMAYANAND SWAMI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the proposals for the development of National Highways submitted by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during 1993-94;

(b) the number of proposals approved; and

(c) the amount released, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) During 1993-94, 37 proposals amounting to Rs. 49.95 crore from Uttar Pradesh and 17 proposals amounting to Rs. 117.77 crore from Rajasthan were received. Out of these 24 proposals amounting to Rs. 10.09 crore from Uttar Pradesh and 3 proposals amounting to Rs. 0.78 crore from Rajasthan were approved.

(c) The amount is released by this Ministry to the State as a whole and not projectwise or National Highwaywise. The allocation for 1993-94 for the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan is Rs. 47.50 crore and Rs. 42.00 crores respectively.

Visit of Prime Minister to UK

*328 SHRIMATI BHAVNA
CHIKHALIA:
SHRIMATI SHEELA
GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited UK recently;

(b) if so, the various issues figured in his talks with British leaders and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreements have been signed during the visit;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof, agreement-wise;

(e) whether any proposals were made by UK in regard to Kashmir;

(f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and