

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) A team of experts of the World Health Organisation on its way to Ceylon to carry out preliminary surveys in the monazite areas of that country visited Kerala from January 10 to 13, 1963, to get acquainted with the monazite sand areas of Kerala and incidentally to take a few representative sample measurements of the natural radiation levels in that area.

(b) Does not arise.

Public Relations with U.S.S.R.

902. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequacy of public relations that exist between this country and U.S.S.R.;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that there is no mutual arrangement with any Press Agency in U.S.S.R. or any leading newspaper in that country to publish important news items with regard to India; and

(c) what Government propose to do to improve our public relations in that country?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):

(a) and (c). There has been a marked increase in the visits of Soviet and Indian journalists, cultural and art groups professors and student in recent years. The Government of India are anxious further to increase and strengthen these relations and are hoping to post an Information Officer in their Embassy in Moscow.

(b) The Government of India do not enter into arrangements with foreign news agencies for publishing Indian news items. Foreign news agencies post their correspondents in India for covering Indian news or make mutual

arrangements with Indian news agencies for supplying their news services.

Construction of Border Roads

903. Shri Sham Lal Saraf: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the progress that has been made in constructing roads in the border areas, more particularly in Assam, Bihar and Ladakh; and

(b) whether High Way road link with Assam between East Pakistan and Nepal and Mokameh Katihar Road in Bihar, have since been taken in hand?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) Progress has been satisfactory. It will not be in the public interest to disclose further details.

(b) The reference is presumably to National Highway No. 31. The improvement of this road has been taken in hand.

चीन-पाकिस्तान की समझौता

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श्री रिर विष्णु कामत :
श्री प्र० चं० बरुआ :
श्री लक्ष्मीमल्ल सिंघवी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चीन व पाकिस्तान में कोई सीमा समझौता हुआ है;

(ख) क्या इस समझौते का पूर्ण विवरण सरकार को प्राप्त हो गया है;

(ग) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में भारत सरकार ने पाकिस्तान सरकार को कोई विरोध-पत्र भेजा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस सम्बन्ध में पाकिस्तान सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया ?